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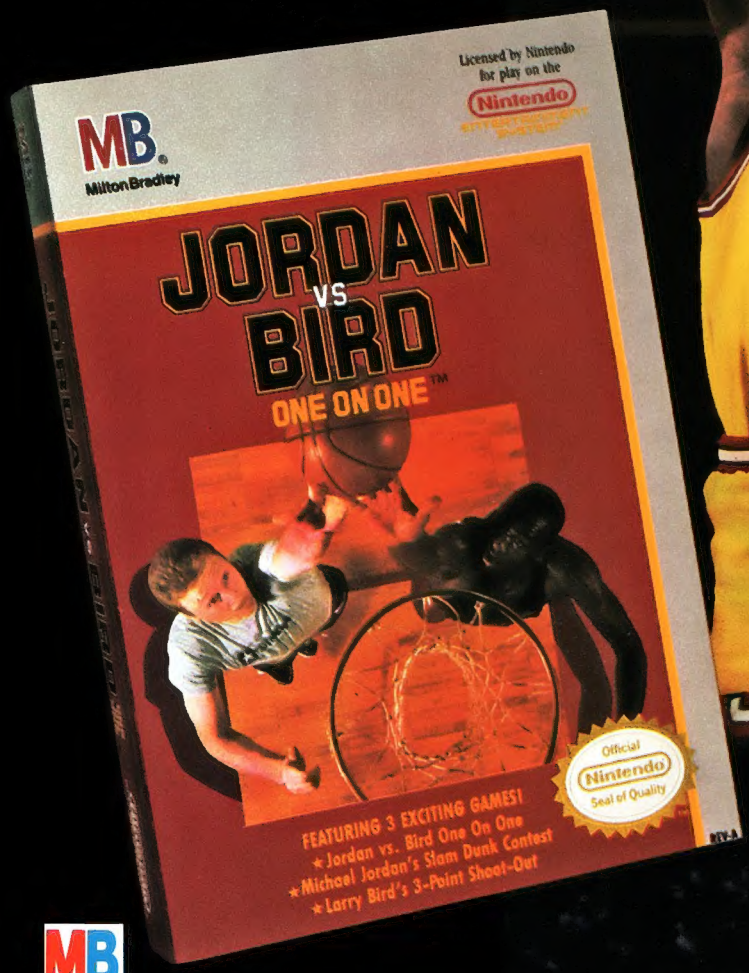

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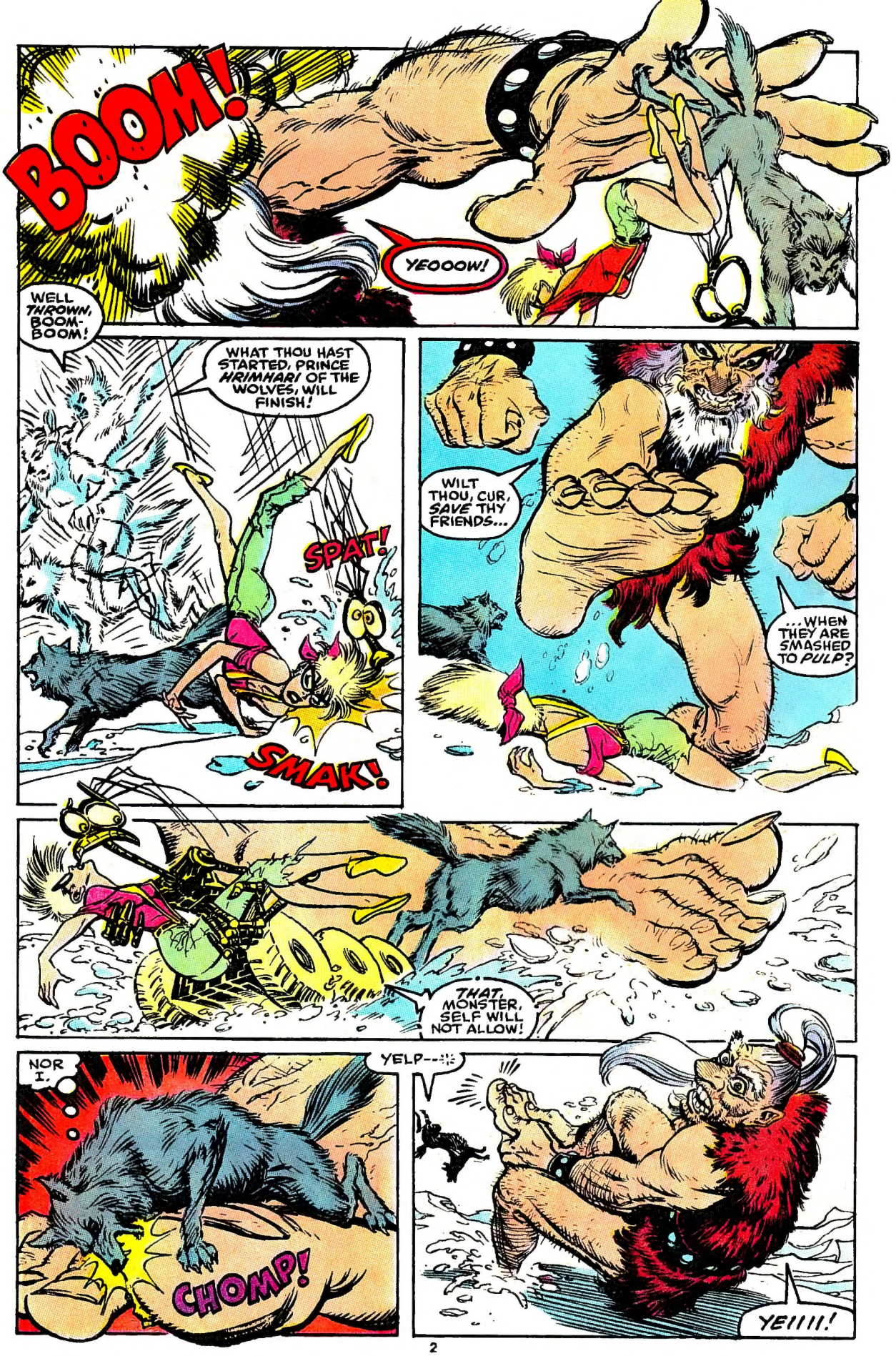
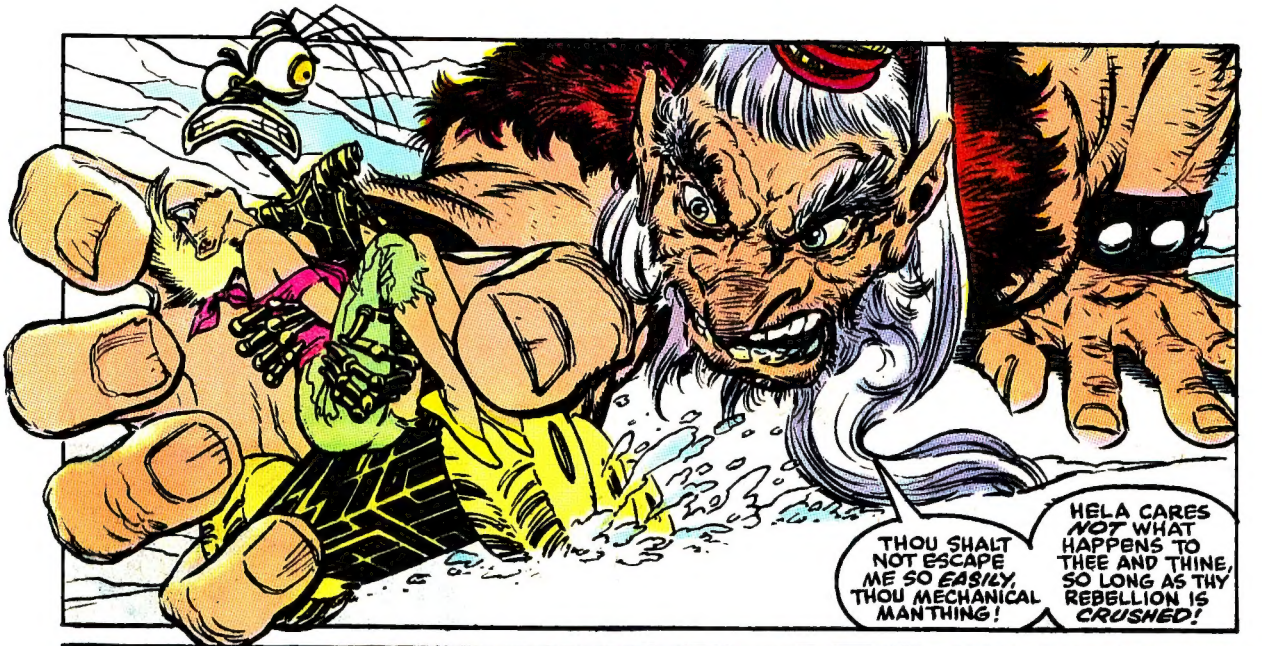
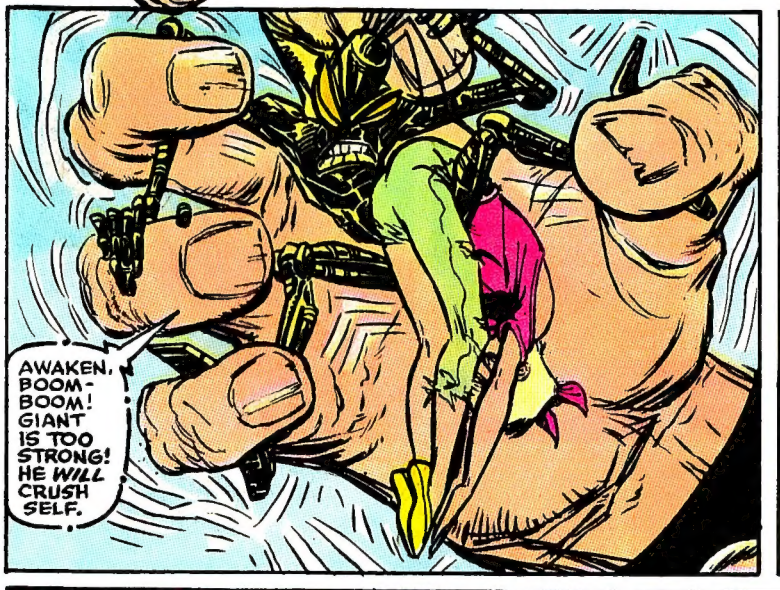
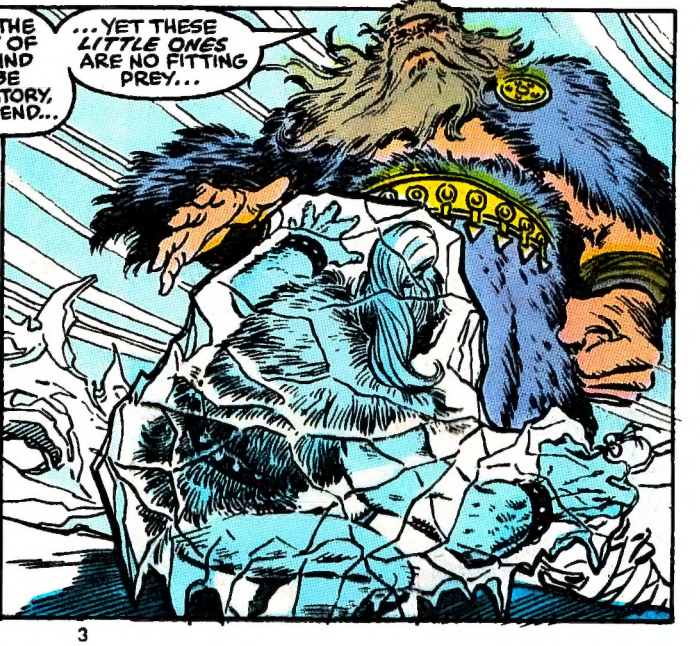

BOOM!
YEOOOW!
WELL THROWN, BOOM-BOOM!
WHAT THOU HAST STARTED, PRINCE HRIMHARI OF THE WOLVES, WILL FINISH!
SPAT!
SMAK!
WILT THOU, CUR, SAVE THY FRIENDS...
...WHEN THEY ARE SMASHED TO PULP?
THAT, MONSTER, SELF WILL NOT ALLOW!
NOR I.
CHOMP!
YELP--
YEIIII!


THOU SHALT NOT ESCAPE ME SO EASILY, THOU MECHANICAL MAN THING!
HELA CARES NOT WHAT HAPPENS TO THEE AND THINE, SO LONG AS THY REBELLION IS CRUSHED!

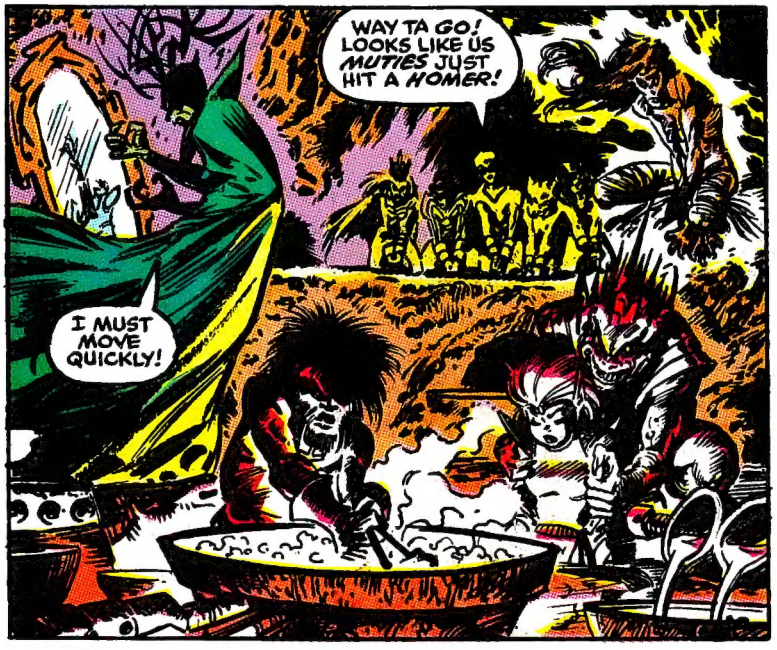

AWAKEN, BOOM-BOOM! GIANT IS TOO STRONG! HE WILL CRUSH SELF.

NOR CAN YOU FUNCTION, CREATURE, WITHOUT THY HEAD!

FREEZE!
'TIS THE WONT OF THY KIND TO BE PREDATORY, MY FRIEND...


...YET THESE LITTLE ONES ARE NO FITTING PREY...

...FOR ONE OF THY STATURE.
THROUGH ICY HEL, THE VOICE RUMBLES. ANCIENT EYES PEER FROM THE SCRYING GLASS, SHARP ENOUGH TO PIERCE THE HEART OF DEATH HERSELF...
WHO...IS HE? THOUGH I KNOW HIM NOT, EVEN HERE, I SHUDDER AT HIS POWER.


WAY TA GO! LOOKS LIKE US MUTIES JUST HIT A HOMER!
I MUST MOVE QUICKLY!

DWARF-LORD EITRI, THE INGOT IS WHITE HOT!
NOW MUST THOU FASHION FOR ME A SWORD THE LIKE OF WHICH NO WORLD HAS SEEN...

...OR THY DAUGHTER'S FATE WILL BE FAR WORSE THAN DEATH.

DOOM!

TAKE NO PRISONERS.

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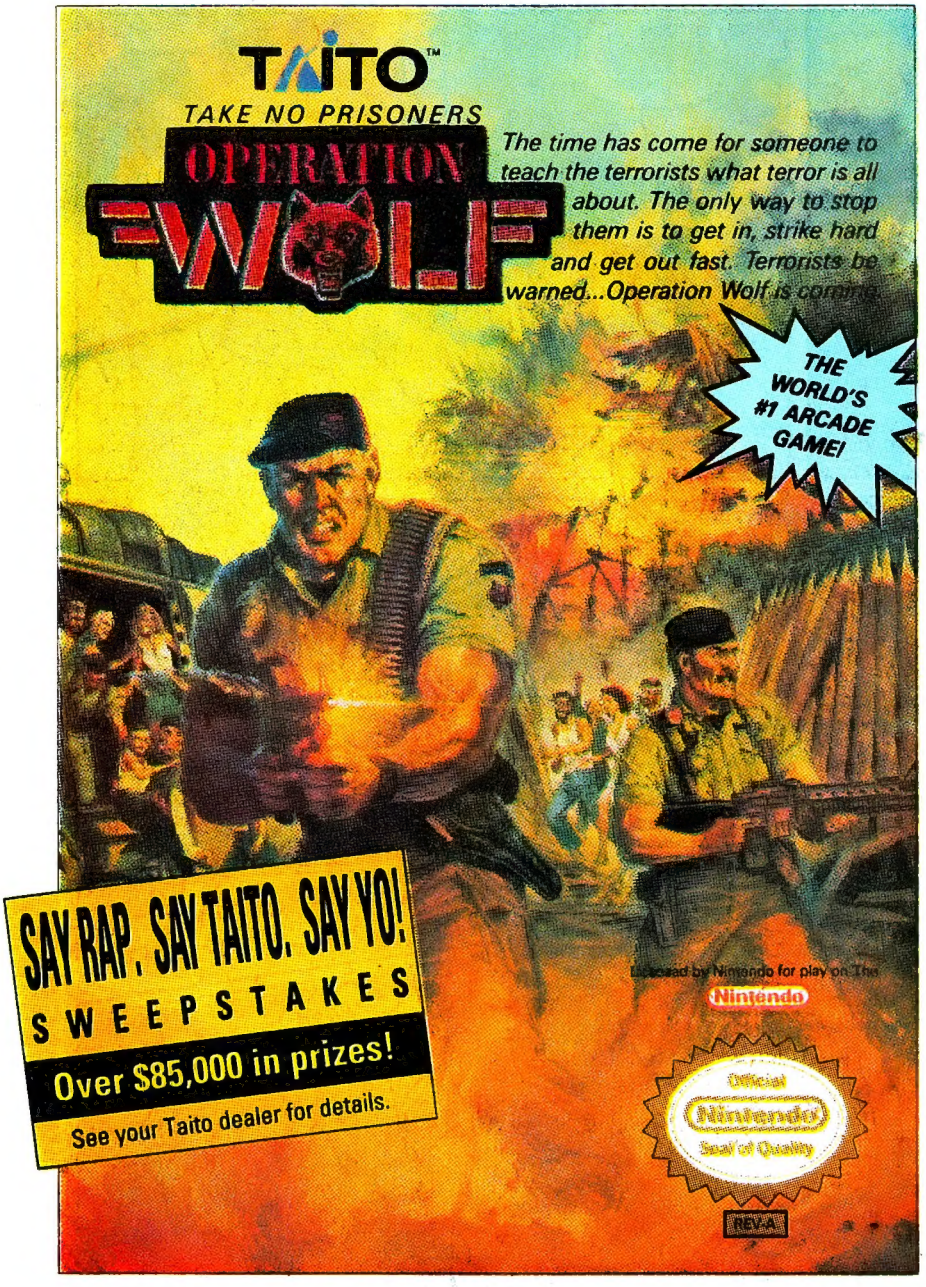

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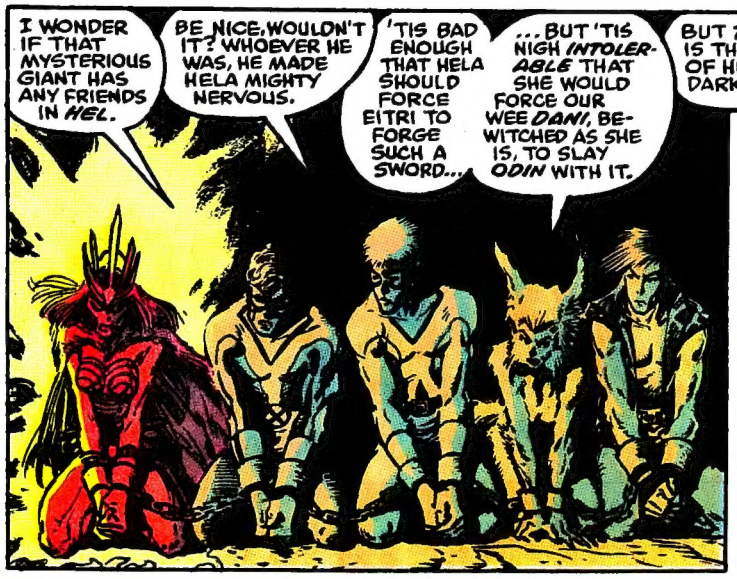
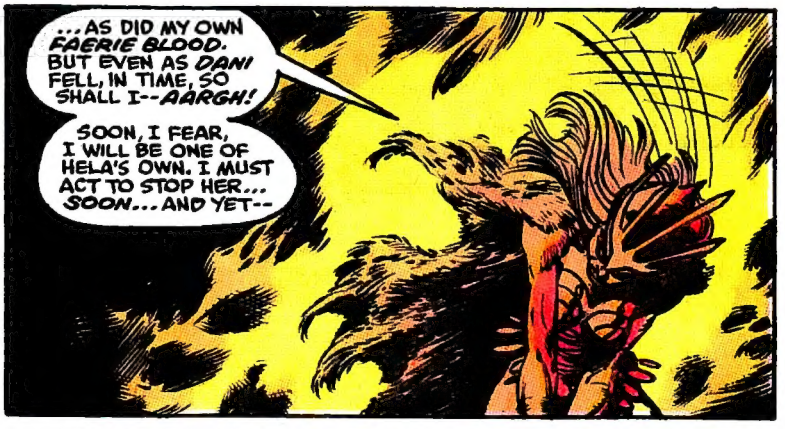

I WONDER IF THAT MYSTERIOUS GIANT HAS ANY FRIENDS IN HEL.
BE NICE, WOULDN'T IT? WHOEVER HE WAS, HE MADE HELA MIGHTY NERVOUS.
'TIS BAD ENOUGH THAT HELA SHOULD FORCE EITRI TO FORGE SUCH A SWORD...
...BUT 'TIS NIGH INTOLERABLE THAT SHE WOULD FORCE OUR WEE DANI, BEWITCHED AS SHE IS, TO SLAY ODIN WITH IT.

BUT THAT IS THE CRUX OF HELA'S DARK PLAN.
TO BE SLAIN IGNOMINIOUSLY, BY A MORTAL, AND IN HIS SLEEP, WILL DOOM LORD ODIN'S SOUL TO HEL. HELA WOULD THEN CONTROL THE ODIN POWER.

BUT DANI'S MORTAL BLOOD HELPED HER RESIST HELA'S MAGICKS, FOR A WHILE...


...AS DID MY OWN FAERIE BLOOD. BUT EVEN AS DANI FELL, IN TIME, SO SHALL I--AARGH!
SOON, I FEAR, I WILL BE ONE OF HELA'S OWN. I MUST ACT TO STOP HER... SOON... AND YET--

BLASTED CHAINS WON'T SNAP!
MIST IS RIGHT! WE CAN'T LET HELA GET AWAY WITH THIS. WE'VE GOT TO STOP HER... BUT HOW--?

WE CAN STEAL THE SWORD.

THAT MIGHT WORK... BUT WE'RE CAPTIVES ...BOUND...

THEN WE'LL HAVE TA ESCAPE!

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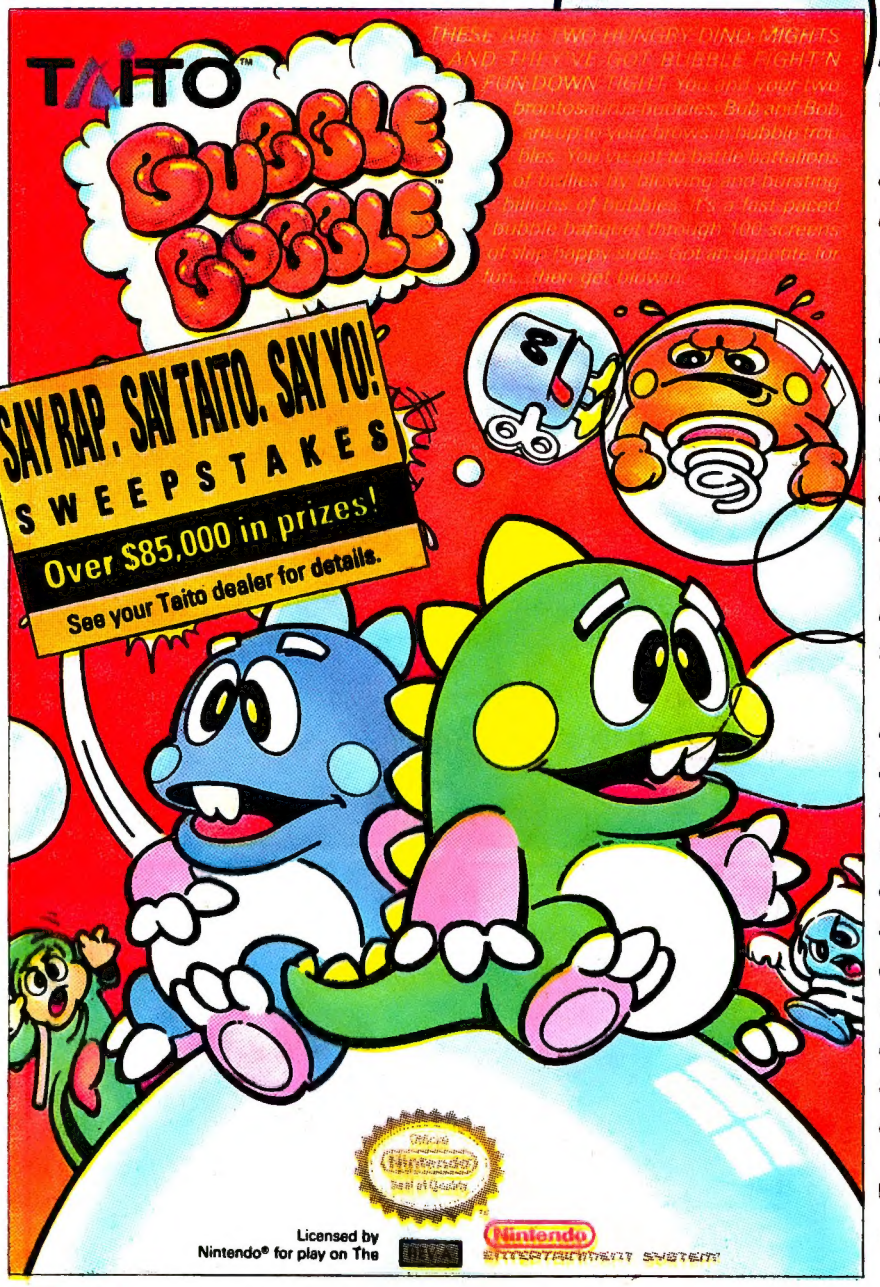

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BOOM-BOOM HAS NEVER LIKED WAKING UP, UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES. NOW HER HEAD POUNDS WHERE SHE SLAMMED IT ON THE ROCK, AND A VOICE LIKE THUNDER ROLLS ON AND ON...

THIS IS MY KINGDOM, PURE AND COLD. AND THOUGH MY SUBJECTS' LIVES ARE SHORT, I TRY TO SEE THAT THEY ARE SWEET...

PAINFULLY, SHE OPENS RELUCTANT EYES. SHAFTS OF REFRACTED LIGHT RIP THROUGH CRYSTALLINE WALLS, AND THE ONLY DARKNESS IS--

A FROST GIANT!

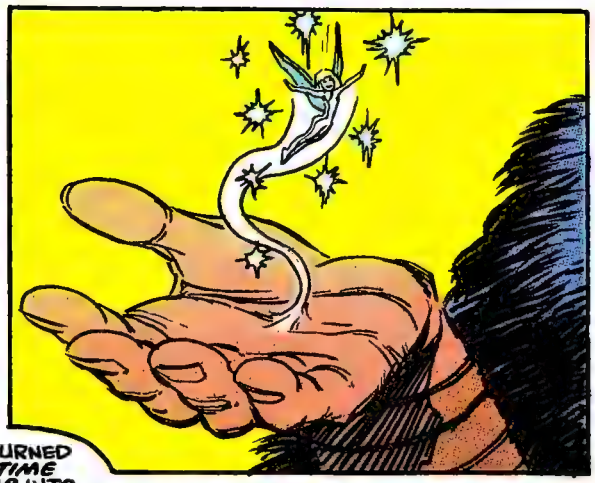
WARLOCK! GET BACK ...3...

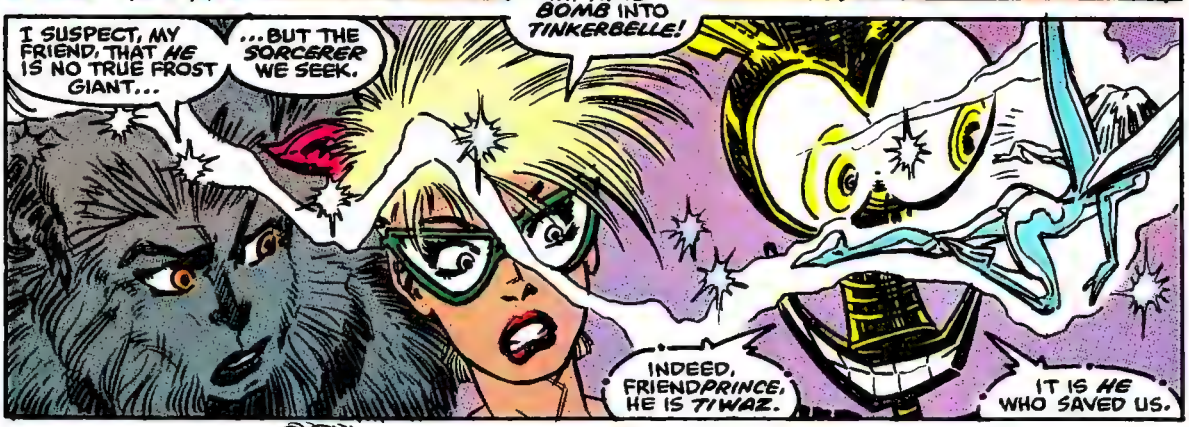
EH--?

SELFRIEND ...NO!

IT'S OKAY. I WON'T LET HIM GET YOU ...2...I'LL SAVE YOU...

...1...




HE TURNED MY TIME BOMB INTO TINKERBELLE!
I SUSPECT, MY FRIEND, THAT HE IS NO TRUE FROST GIANT...
...BUT THE SORCERER WE SEEK.
INDEED, FRIEND PRINCE, HE IS TIWAZ.
IT IS HE WHO SAVED US.

HRIMHARI OF THE WOLVES THANKS YOU, SORCERER LORD, AND BEGS PARDON FOR THAT IMPETUOUS ATTACK.
THY SIZE CONFUSED MY MORTAL COMPANION...THAT IS...WE WERE NOT TOLD... SHE FOOLISHLY MISTOOK YOU--
NO OFFENSE TAKEN, WOLFPRINCE. THE FROST GIANTS FEAR THOSE LARGER THAN THEMSELVES, SO, I AM AS LARGE AS I HAVE NEED TO BE.
WHAT BRINGS THEE, AND THY WARRIOR-COMPANIONS, TO THESE ICY WASTES?

THE CHILDREN OF VOLSTAGG THE ENORMOUS BADE US FIND THEE, SIRE...
...TO BEG THINE AID... FOR ASGARD'S SALVATION, AND THAT OF ALL THE NINE WORLDS.

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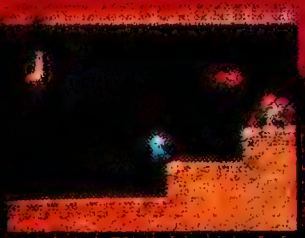

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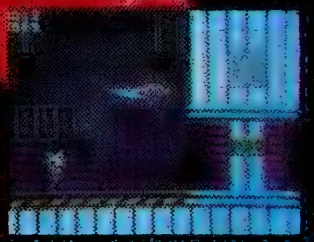

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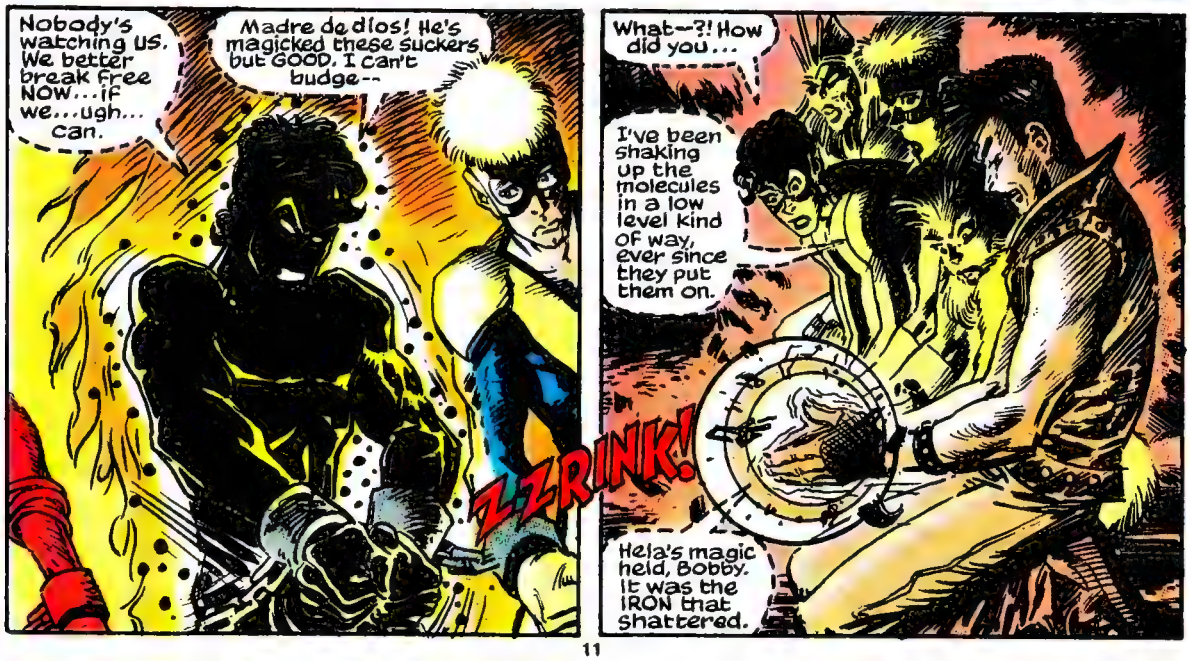
MEANWHILE, IN HEL, THE DWARF LORD EITRI HOLDS ALOFT THE NEW-FORGED DEATHSWORD...

'TIS DONE, MIGHTY HELA, TO MINE OWN ETERNAL SHAME.

NOW SHUDDER ODIN IN THY REST. DARK WILL BE THY SLEEP, AND LONG...

...AND ALL THY POWER SHALT BE MINE TO WIELD!



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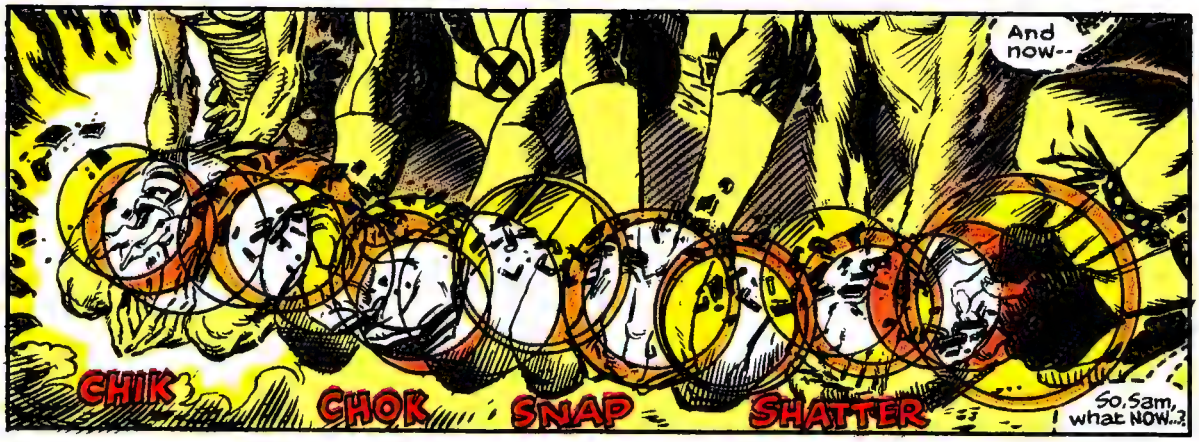
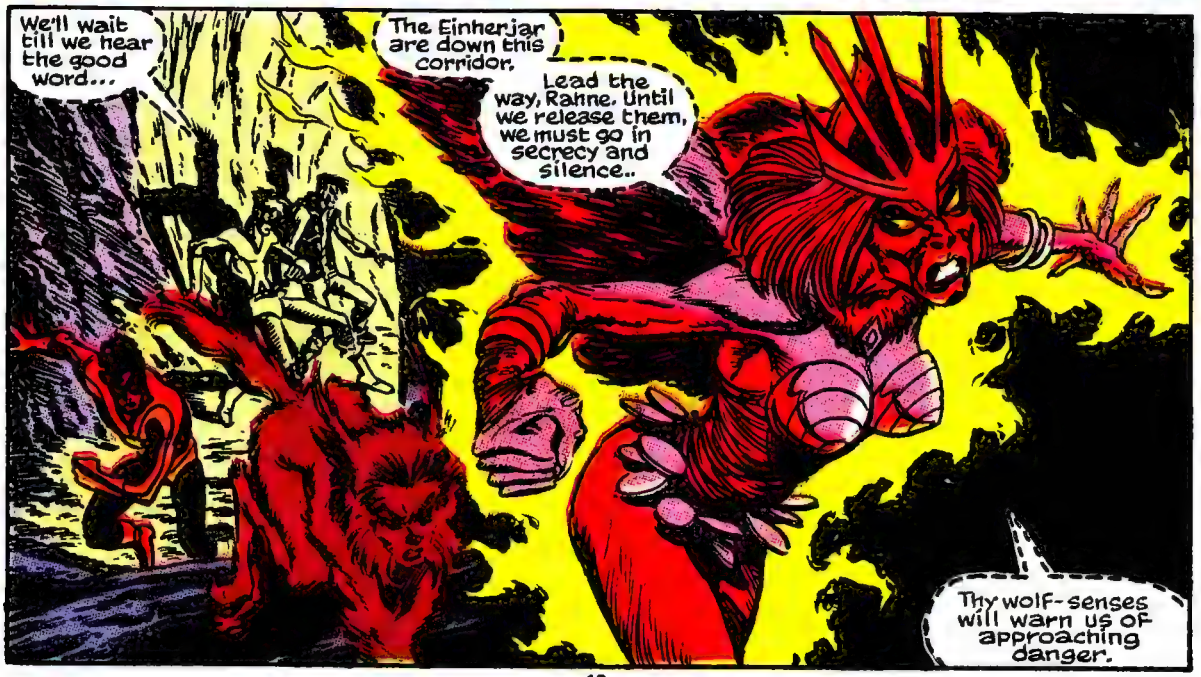
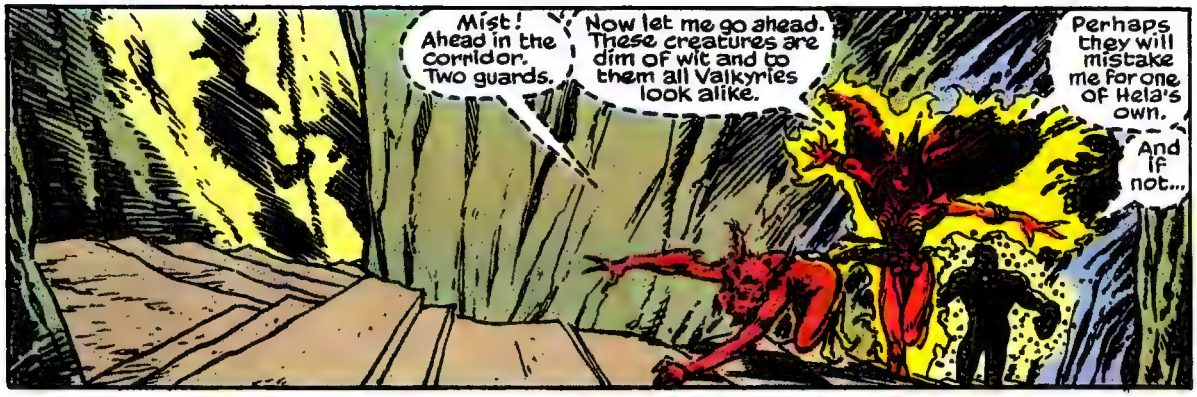
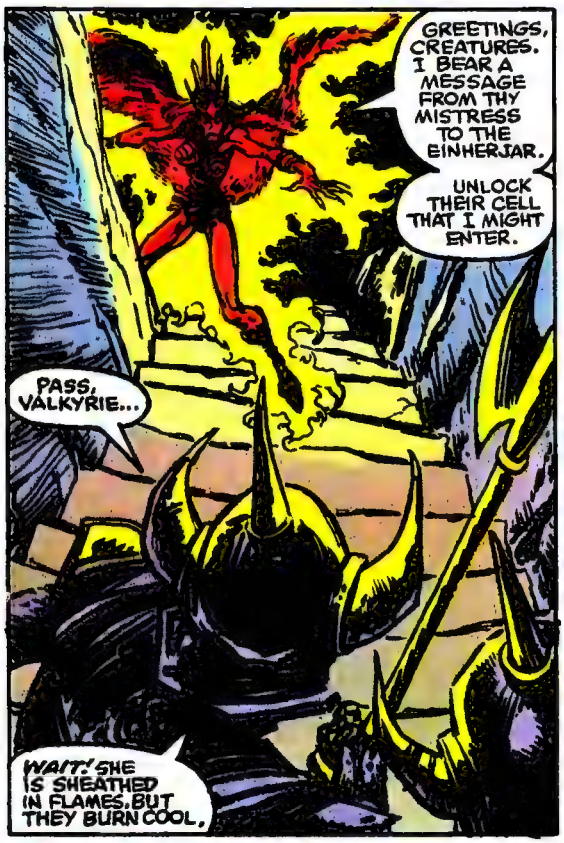

And now--
CHIK
CHOK
SNAP
SHATTER
So, Sam, what NOW...?

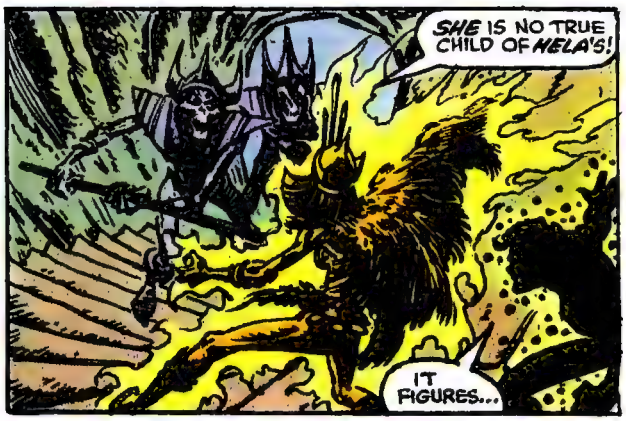
Bobby, you, Mist, and Rahne head on OFF. Do what we were plannin' earlier.
Release the Einherjar. Tell 'em Hela's in here. Tell 'em ta come this way...
...an' not ta worry 'bout sneakin' up. Tell 'em make as much noise as they can.
But, Sam...

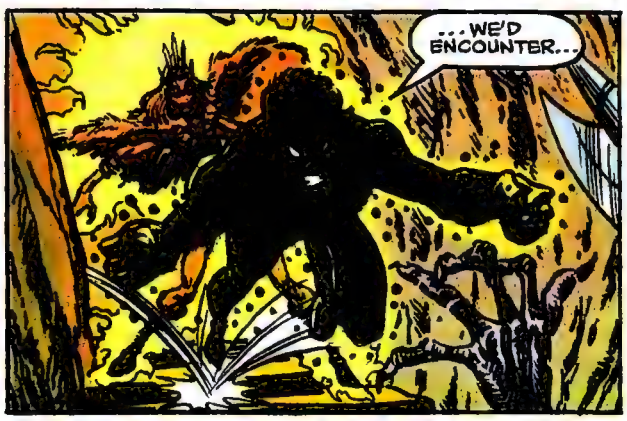
Yeah. I know. Look, ah'm not too happy 'bout us splittin' up, either.
Ah've seen too many monster-movies where it's divide and slaughter. But what else can we do?
Nobody's lookin' at us. So HURRY!


We'll wait till we hear the good word...
The Einherjar are down this corridor.
Lead the way, Rahne. Until we release them, we must go in secrecy and silence..
Thy wolf-senses will warn us of approaching danger.

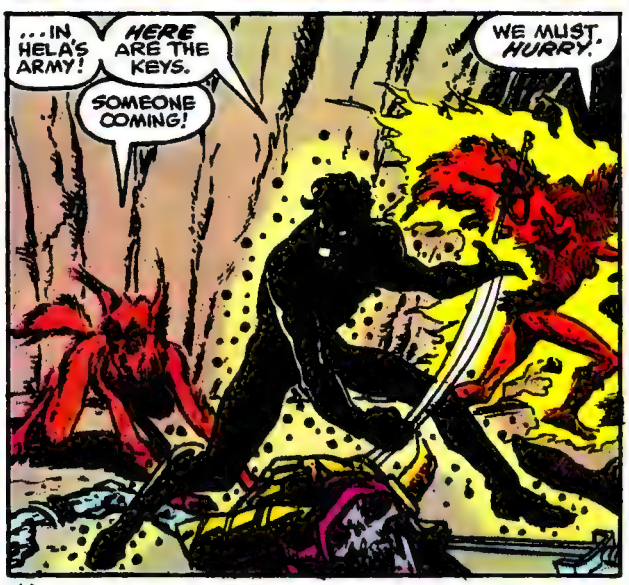

Mist! Ahead in the corridor. Two guards.
Now let me go ahead. These creatures are dim of wit and to them all Valkyries look alike.
Perhaps they will mistake me for one of Hela's own.
And if not...

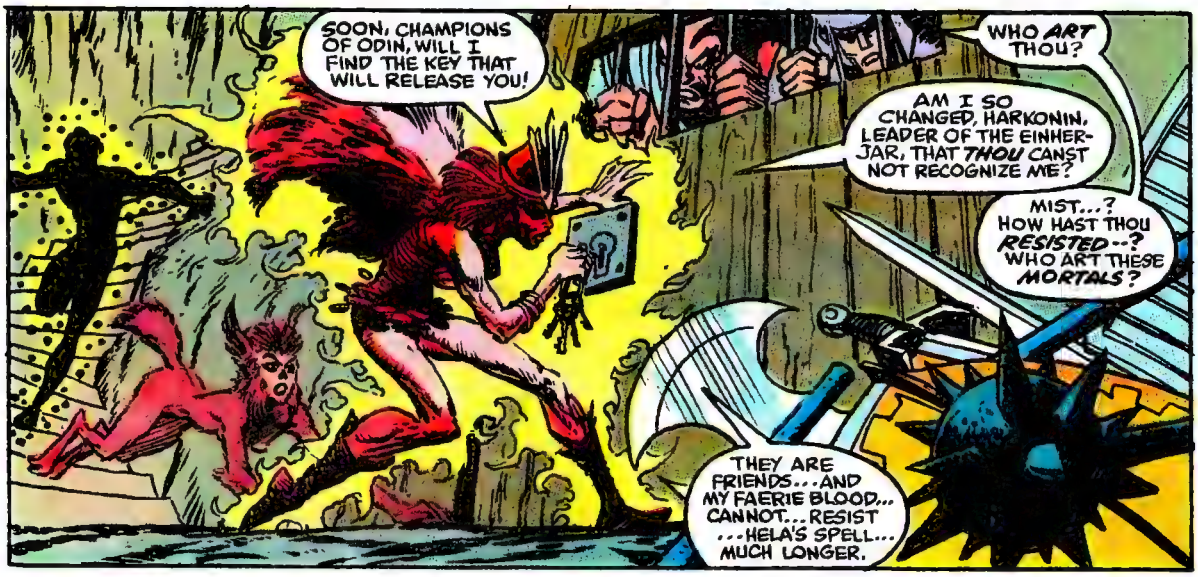

GREETINGS, CREATURES. I BEAR A MESSAGE FROM THY MISTRESS TO THE EINHERJAR.
UNLOCK THEIR CELL THAT I MIGHT ENTER.
PASS, VALKYRIE...
WAIT! SHE IS SHEATHED IN FLAMES, BUT THEY BURN COOL.


SHE IS NO TRUE CHILD OF HELA'S!
IT FIGURES...


...WE'D ENCOUNTER...

CLATTER!
...THE ONLY "BRAIN SURGEON"...
WHAM!
CLANG!
POW!

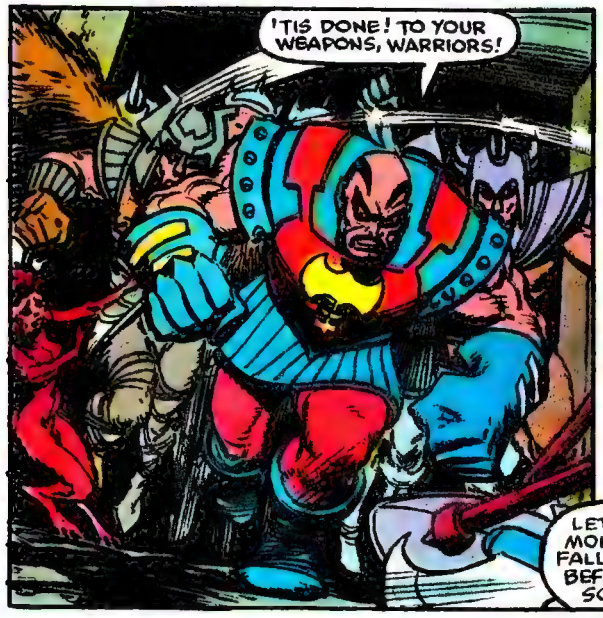

...IN HELA'S ARMY!
HERE ARE THE KEYS.
SOMEONE COMING!
WE MUST HURRY.


SOON, CHAMPIONS OF ODIN, WILL I FIND THE KEY THAT WILL RELEASE YOU!
WHO ART THOU?
AM I SO CHANGED, HARKONIN, LEADER OF THE EINHERJAR, THAT THOU CANST NOT RECOGNIZE ME?
MIST...? HOW HAST THOU RESISTED--? WHO ART THESE MORTALS?
THEY ARE FRIENDS...AND MY FAERIE BLOOD... CANNOT...RESIST ...HELA'S SPELL... MUCH LONGER.

WELL DO WE KNOW HER POWER.
YOU VALKYRIES BORE THE BRUNT OF HELA'S FIRST ATTACK, BUT NOW, SHE HAS TURNED HER EYES TO US.
WE ARE MUCH WEAKENED AND ARE SORE PRESSED TO RESIST...
NONETHELESS, BRAVE EXECUTIONER, THOU MUST TAKE UP THY WEAPONS AND BEARD HELA IN HER CHAMBER.

SHE HAS A SWORD THAT WOULD SLAY MIGHTY ODIN IN HIS SLEEP, BUT WE HAVE A PLAN--
AAGHH! PAIN... WORSE THAN BEFORE... HELA WILL YET WIN...

NO WAY! THEY'RE COMING, MANY OF THEM. TAKE THE KEYS, RAHNE.
KEEP TRYING WHILE I--
CLIK!


'TIS DONE! TO YOUR WEAPONS, WARRIORS!

LET HELA'S MONSTERS FALL AS WHEAT BEFORE THE SCYTHE!

THE DEATH-SWORD, NEW-FORGED OF MYSTICAL URU METAL, IS, OF ITSELF, A THING OF POWER. BUT TO HELA'S MIND IT IS STILL BUT AN EMPTY VESSEL TO BE FILLED WITH HER FOUL SORCERIES.

AND SO SHE BEGINS A CHANT--TOO TERRIBLE FOR HUMAN EARS TO BEAR. FELL MAGICKS SWIRL ROUND THE SWORD...

The guys better hurry.

...MAGICKS TO PIERCE THE PROTECTIVE SPELLS THAT SURROUND LORD ODIN IN HIS ODINSLEEP...

Yeah, Hela's magic's almost complete...and look... Dani can't wait to get her hands on it.

...AND STRIKE SWIFT AND DEEP INTO THE ALL FATHER'S HEART...

...MAGICKS THAT, IN MERE SECONDS, WILL PENETRATE THE SWORD, TO BOND WITH IT FOR ALL ETERNITY...

Don't kid yourself, Ric. That fanged thing AIN'T Dani. Not any--listen, do you hear? SHOUTS...and the ring of METAL!

DROP THY SWORD, MISTRESS OF HEL, OR FALL BEFORE, THE ALL-FATHER'S CHOSEN CHAMPIONS!

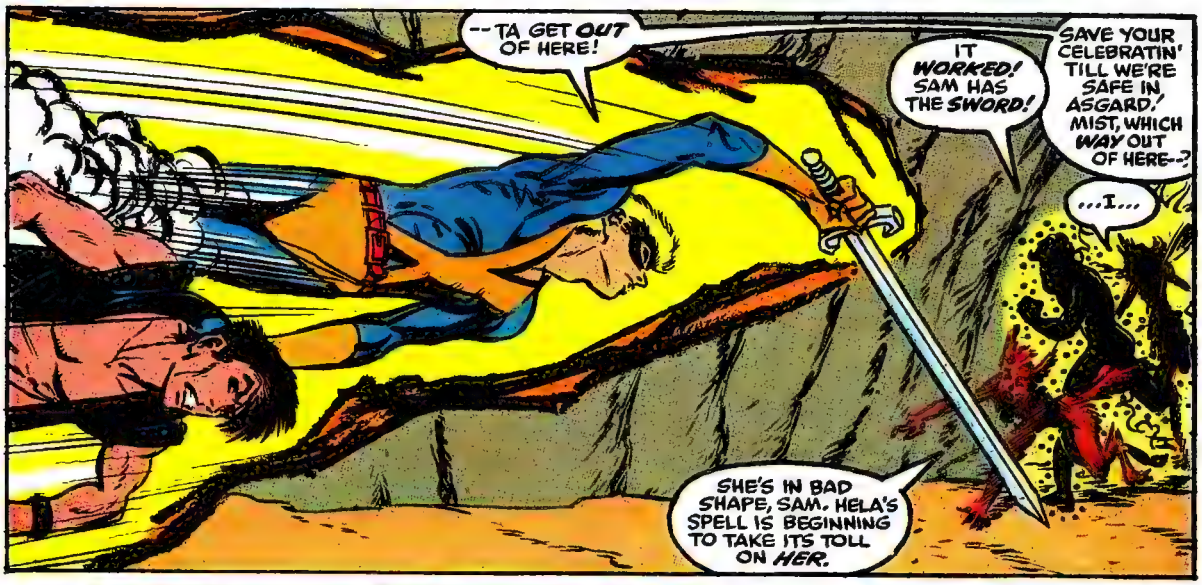
THEY DID IT, RIC! THEY FREED THE EINHERJAR! AND HELA'S DISTRACTED.

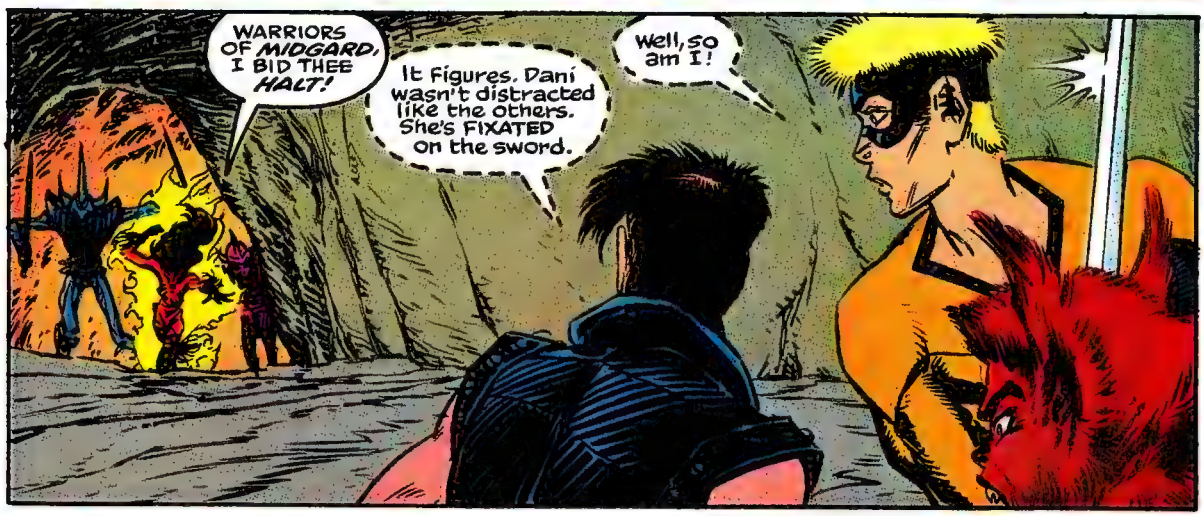
NOW--USE YOUR SEISMIC POWER TO SHAKE THE GROUND. THROW HELA OFF BALANCE...

RUMMMBLE

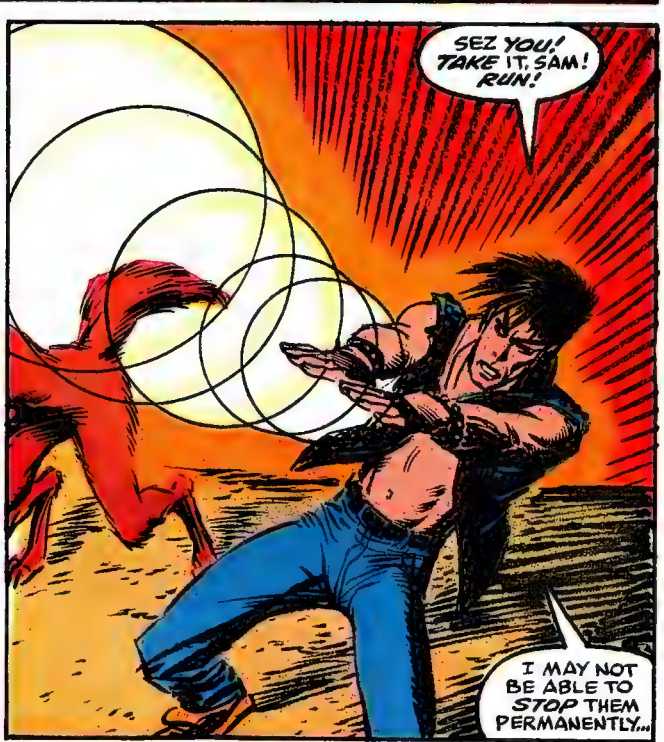
...WHILE I GRAB THE SWORD.

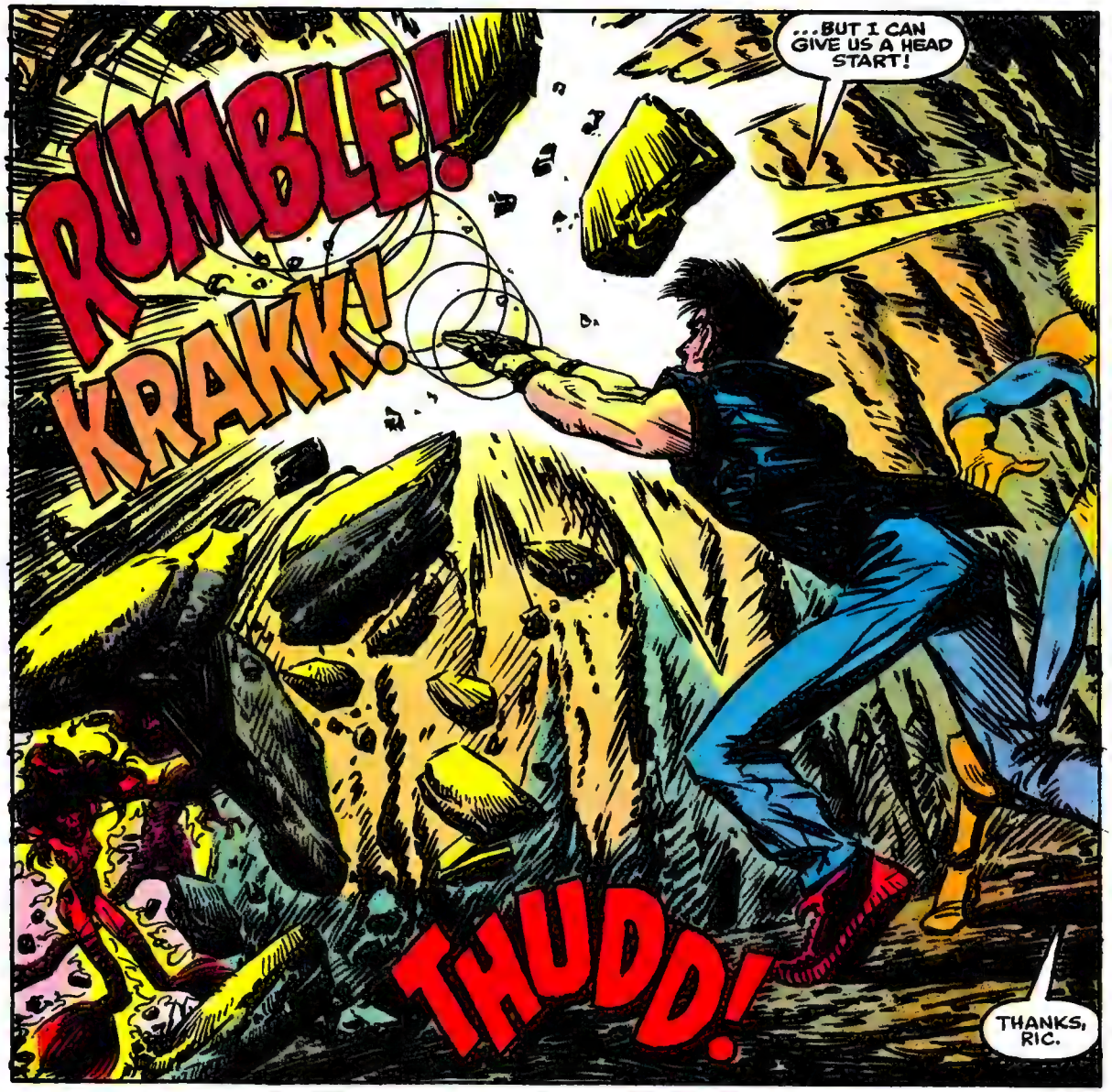
THE EINHERJAR'S ATTACK BOUGHT US SOME TIME! COME ON! LET'S USE IT--

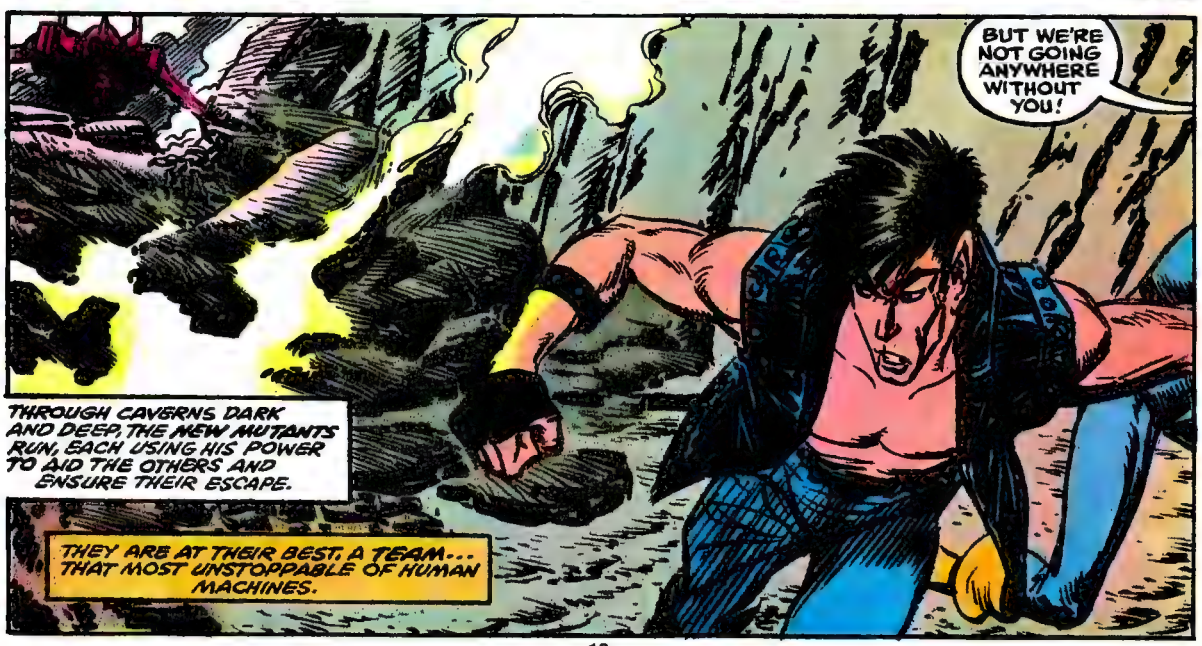

--TA GET OUT OF HERE!
IT WORKED! SAM HAS THE SWORD!
SAVE YOUR CELEBRATIN' TILL WE'RE SAFE IN ASGARD! MIST, WHICH WAY OUT OF HERE--?
...I...
SHE'S IN BAD SHAPE, SAM. HELA'S SPELL IS BEGINNING TO TAKE ITS TOLL ON HER.

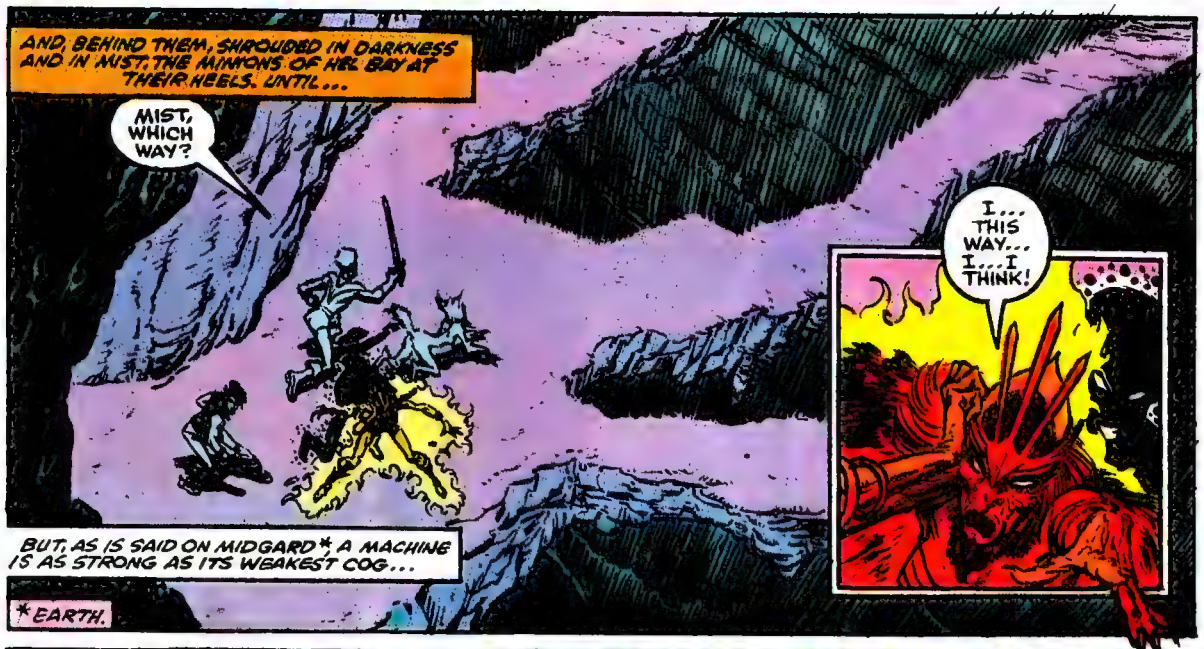

WARRIORS OF MIDGARD, I BID THEE HALT!
It figures. Dani wasn't distracted like the others. She's FIXATED on the sword.
Well, so am I!

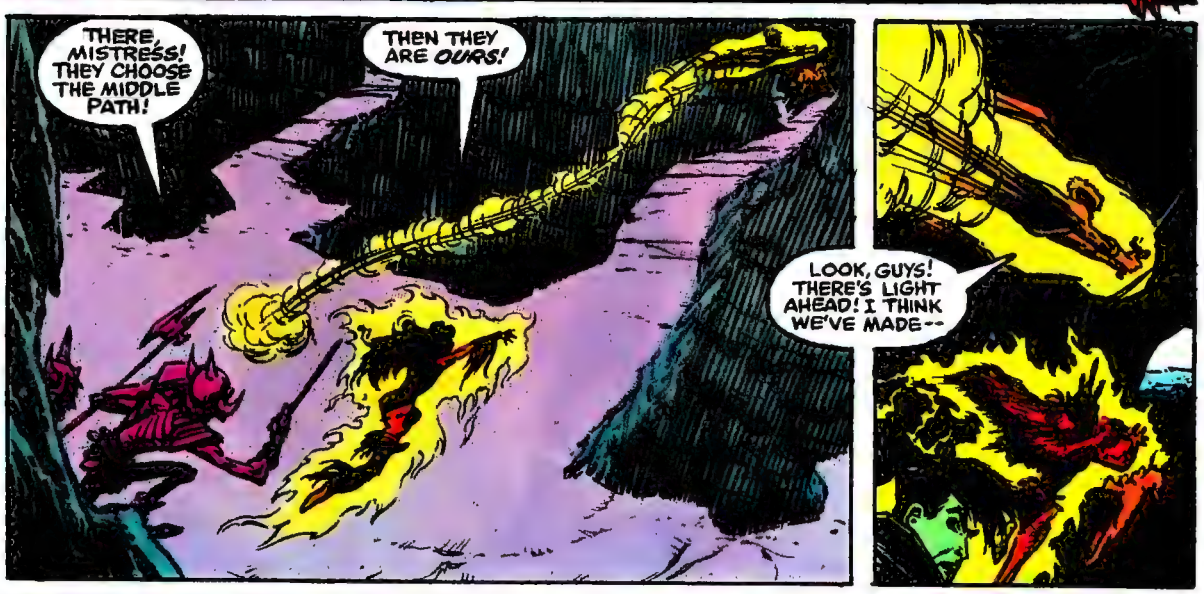
GIVE IT TO ME! THE SWORD IS MINE!

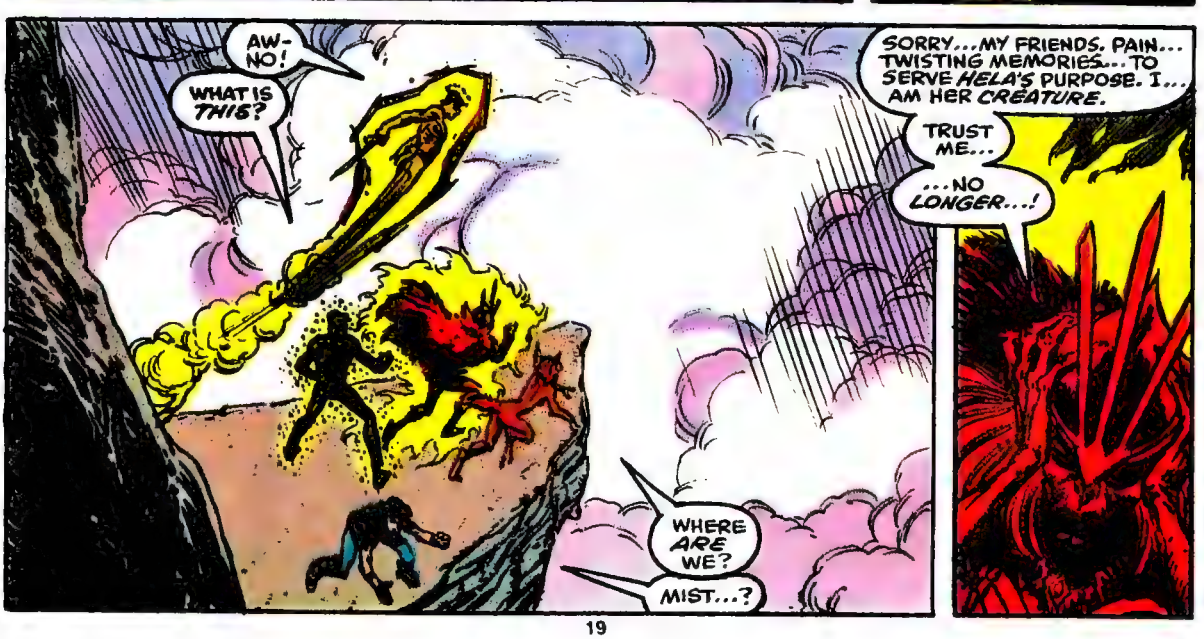

SEZ YOU! TAKE IT, SAM! RUN!
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO STOP THEM PERMANENTLY...


RUMBLE!
KRAKK!
...BUT I CAN GIVE US A HEAD START!
THUDD!
THANKS, RIC.

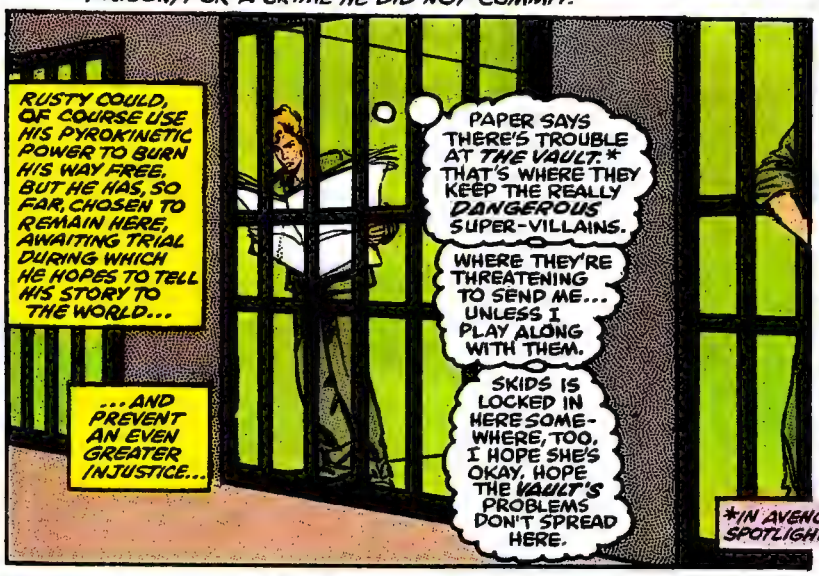

BUT WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITHOUT YOU!
THROUGH CAVERNS DARK AND DEEP, THE NEW MUTANTS RUN, EACH USING HIS POWER TO AID THE OTHERS AND ENSURE THEIR ESCAPE.
THEY ARE AT THEIR BEST, A TEAM... THAT MOST UNSTOPPABLE OF HUMAN MACHINES.

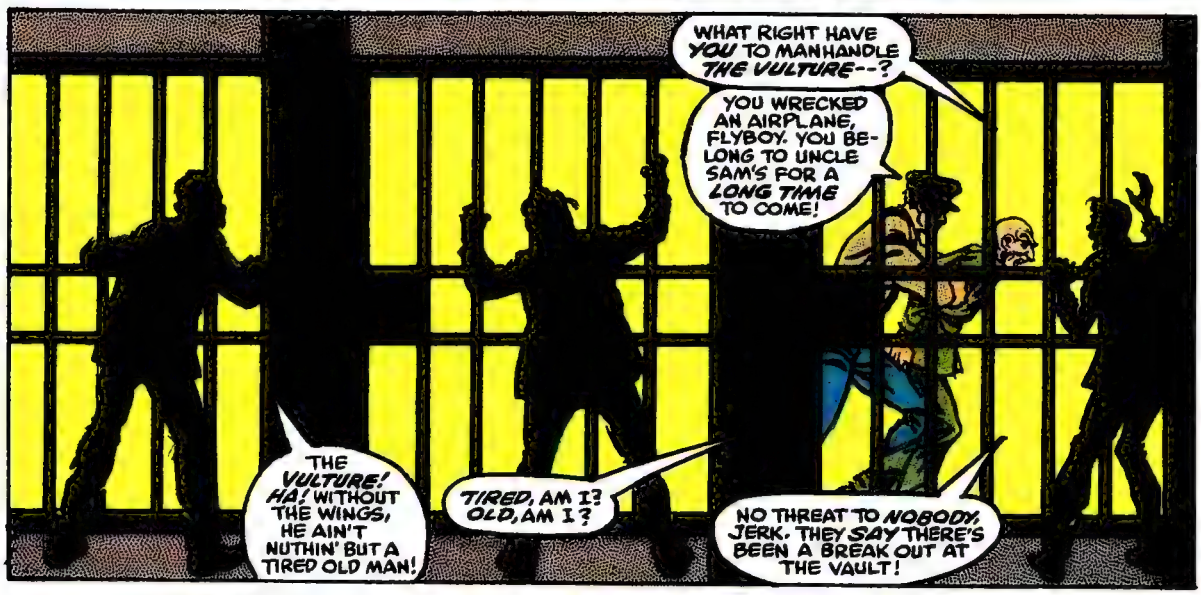

AND, BEHIND THEM, SHROUDED IN DARKNESS AND IN MIST, THE MINIONS OF HEL BAY AT THEIR HEELS. UNTIL...
MIST, WHICH WAY?
I... THIS WAY... I...I THINK!
BUT, AS IS SAID ON MIDGARD*, A MACHINE IS AS STRONG AS ITS WEAKEST COG...
*EARTH.


THERE, MISTRESS! THEY CHOOSE THE MIDDLE PATH!
THEN THEY ARE OURS!
LOOK, GUYS! THERE'S LIGHT AHEAD! I THINK WE'VE MADE--


AW-NO!
WHAT IS THIS?
SORRY...MY FRIENDS. PAIN... TWISTING MEMORIES... TO SERVE HELA'S PURPOSE. I... AM HER CREATURE.
TRUST ME...
...NO LONGER...!
WHERE ARE WE?
MIST...?

NOT ALL OF THE NEW MUTANTS ARE IN HEL. RUSTY COLLINS REMAINS IN NEW YORK, UNJUSTLY INCARCERATED IN A MAXIMUM SECURITY FEDERAL PRISON, FOR A CRIME HE DID NOT COMMIT.





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IN YOU GO, VULTURE-- INTO YOUR OWN LITTLE STEEL REIN-FORCED NEST!
NITRO... I READ ABOUT HIM IN THE NEWS... SOME GUY WHO CAN LITERALLY CAUSE HIMSELF TO EXPLODE. THE PAPER SAYS HIS TRIAL HAS STARTED, BUT HOW CAN THEY TRY HIM?
HE'S LOCKED UP IN A CANISTER. THEY KEEP HIM GASSED AND DISORIENTED AND UNABLE TO SPEAK IN HIS OWN DEFENSE.
BUT ONCE OUT IN THE AIR, HE CAN... AND PROBABLY WILL USE HIS EXPLOSIVE POWER AGAIN... OR SO THE PAPERS SAY. SO I GUESS THERE'S SOME EXCUSE.
BUT IF THEY CAN TRY NITRO FROM A CANISTER, CAN THEY FIND SOME EXCUSE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO ME?

SEE YA IN THE EXERCISE YARD, POPS! DON'T YOU GO STEALING ANY WOODEN BIRDSEED, YOU HEAR? HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

OLD I MAY BE, YOU MUSCLE-BOUND NINCOMPOOP, BUT THAT GIVES YOU NO RIGHT TO INSULT ME!
NITRO, TOO, IS OLD, AS THAT SHAGGY SILVER THATCH OF HOUR OF HIS ATTESTS! AND YET-- YOU'RE FRIGHTENED TO DEATH OF HIM!
FRIGHTENED HE'LL BLOW YOU ALL TO KINGDOM COME!

FOR NOW, HE'S IN THAT CANISTER... AND I'M OUT HERE! BUT THAT WILL CHANGE...
...AND IT IS I, RATHER, YOU SHOULD FEAR. WE VULTURES FEED ON THE DEAD! AND SOON, THERE WILL BE DEAD APLENTY!

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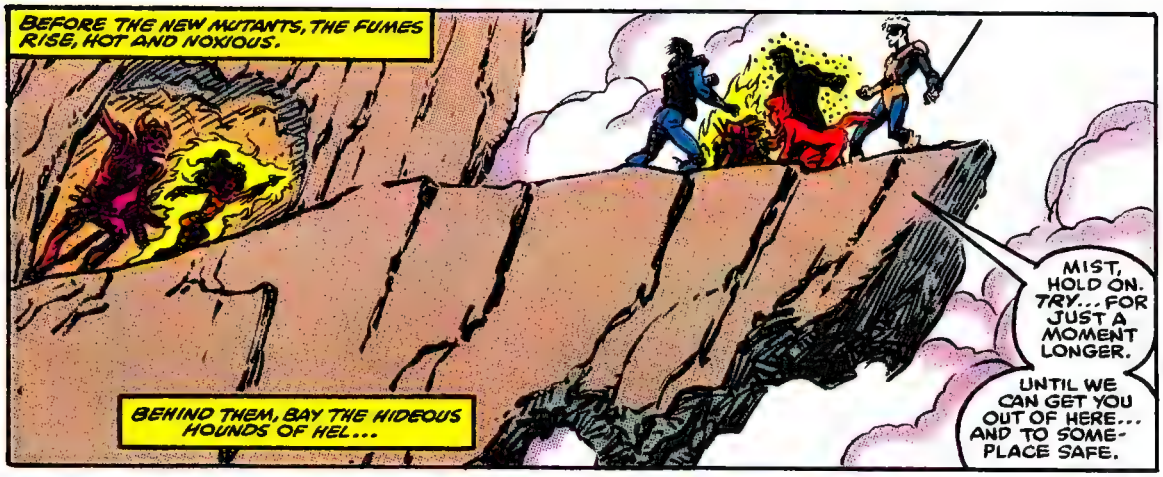
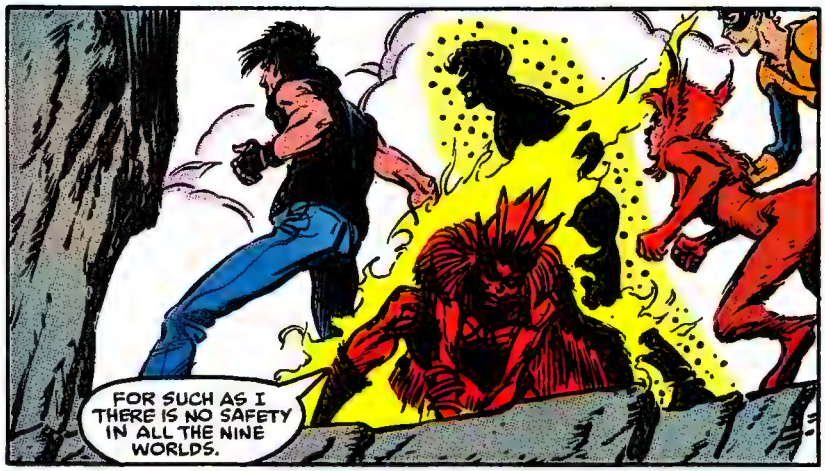
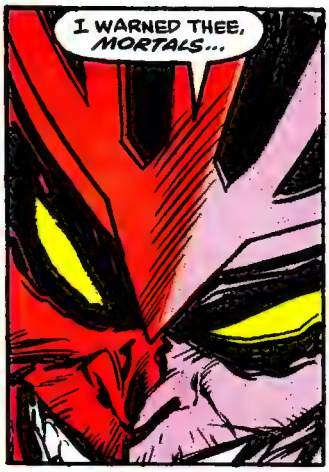

BEFORE THE NEW MUTANTS, THE FUMES RISE, HOT AND NOXIOUS.
BEHIND THEM, BAY THE HIDEOUS HOUNDS OF HEL...
MIST, HOLD ON. TRY... FOR JUST A MOMENT LONGER.
UNTIL WE CAN GET YOU OUT OF HERE... AND TO SOME-PLACE SAFE.


FOR SUCH AS I THERE IS NO SAFETY IN ALL THE NINE WORLDS.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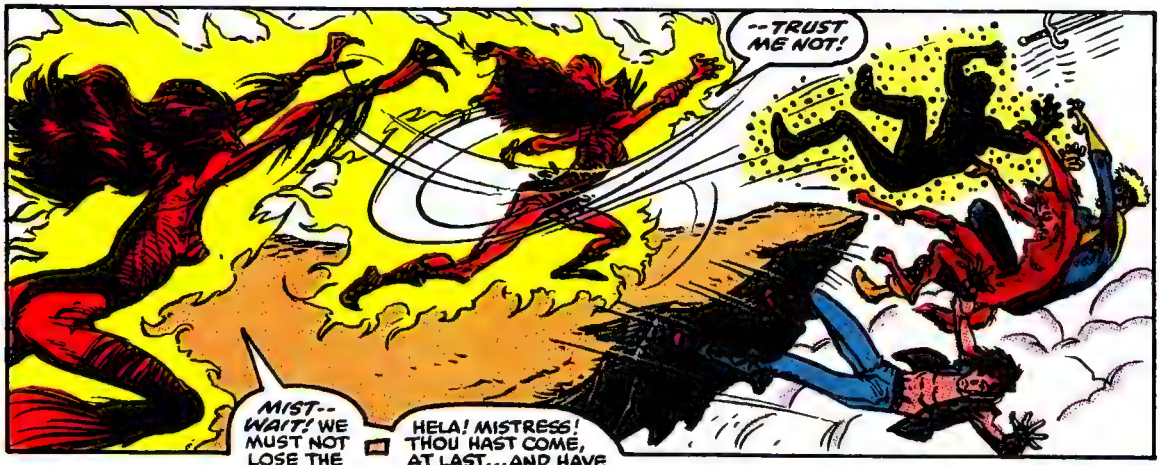
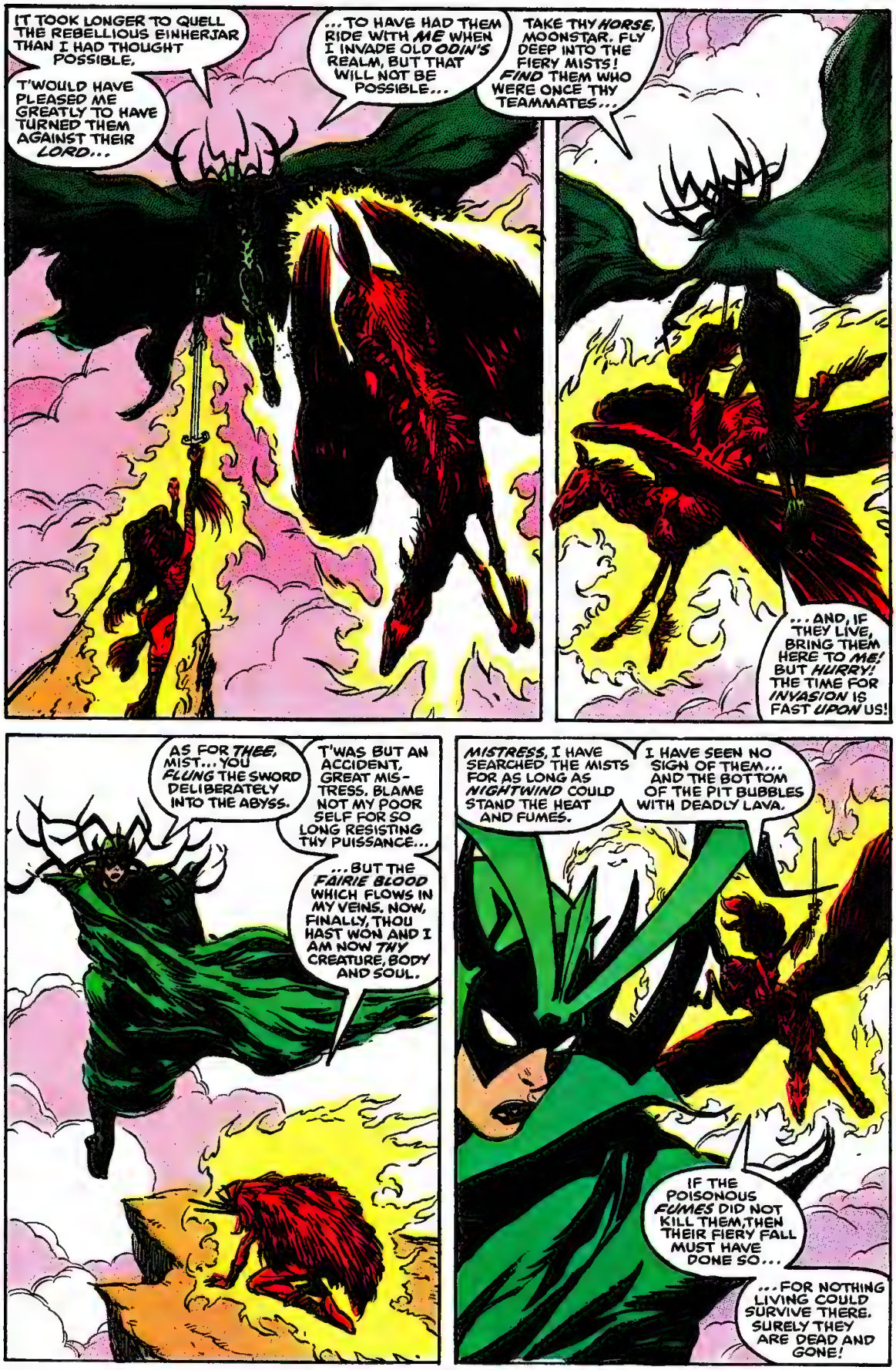

--TRUST ME NOT!

MIST-- WAIT! WE MUST NOT LOSE THE SWORD!
HELA! MISTRESS! THOU HAST COME, AT LAST... AND HAVE SNATCHED BACK THY MYSTICAL WEAPON FROM A FIERY END.


IT TOOK LONGER TO QUELL THE REBELLIOUS EINHERJAR THAN I HAD THOUGHT POSSIBLE.
T'WOULD HAVE PLEASED ME GREATLY TO HAVE TURNED THEM AGAINST THEIR LORD...
...TO HAVE HAD THEM RIDE WITH ME WHEN I INVADE OLD ODIN'S REALM, BUT THAT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE...
TAKE THY HORSE, MOONSTAR. FLY DEEP INTO THE FIERY MISTS! FIND THEM WHO WERE ONCE THY TEAMMATES...
...AND, IF THEY LIVE, BRING THEM HERE TO ME! BUT HURRY! THE TIME FOR INVASION IS FAST UPON US!
AS FOR THEE, MIST... YOU FLUNG THE SWORD DELIBERATELY INTO THE ABYSS.
T'WAS BUT AN ACCIDENT, GREAT MISTRESS. BLAME NOT MY POOR SELF FOR SO LONG RESISTING THY PUISSANCE...
...BUT THE FAIRIE BLOOD WHICH FLOWS IN MY VEINS. NOW, FINALLY, THOU HAST WON AND I AM NOW THY CREATURE, BODY AND SOUL.
MISTRESS, I HAVE SEARCHED THE MISTS FOR AS LONG AS NIGHTWIND COULD STAND THE HEAT AND FUMES.
I HAVE SEEN NO SIGN OF THEM... AND THE BOTTOM OF THE PIT BUBBLES WITH DEADLY LAVA.
IF THE POISONOUS FUMES DID NOT KILL THEM, THEN THEIR FIERY FALL MUST HAVE DONE SO...
...FOR NOTHING LIVING COULD SURVIVE THERE. SURELY THEY ARE DEAD AND GONE!

IN THE CITY OF ASGARD, THE CHILDREN OF VOLSTAGG THE ENORMOUS ARE DRAGGED BEFORE THE GRAND VIZIER...
EXPLAIN, HILDY, FOR I KNOW THAT, IN ANY MISCHIEF, THOU MUST BE THE RINGLEADER...
...WHY THEE AND THY SIBLINGS LANGUISH IN LORD ODIN'S DUNGEON!
WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE MORTAL WENCH, THE MECHANICAL MANTHING, AND THE WOLF-BOY, WHO ARE OUR RIGHTFUL PRISONERS?
THEY ARE THE NEW MUTANTS, SIR, AND ASGARD'S SECRET ALLIES.
THEY LEARNED THAT HELA HAS SUBBORNED THE VALKYRIES AND CAPTURED THE EINHERJAR AND PLANS TO INVADE ASGARD.
THEY TRIED TO TELL ODIN'S GUARD BUT HE WOULD NOT BELIEVE THEM, BUT WE DID--
DID YOU NOW, HILDY? AND WHAT MAKES THEE WISER THAN THE CHOSEN GUARD OF THE ALL-FATHER?
'TIS NOT THAT WE'RE SO WISE, SIR. 'TIS THAT PRINCE HRIMARI OF THE WOLVES SAID THAT IT WAS TRUE, AND WE KNOW HE WOULD NEVER LIE...
HRIMHARI?! IS THAT WHO THE WOLF LAD SAID HE WAS?
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE CHILDREN OF VOLSTAGG SO CREDULOUS AS TO BELIEVE IN THAT ANCIENT MYTH...?
HE IS NOT A MYTH, MY LORD, BUT TRUE FLESH AND BLOOD. SEND A MESSENGER TO THE VALKYRIES' CASTLE, IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE US!
I SHALL, INDEED! YOUR FATHER SHALL LEARN OF THIS ESCAPADE, AND YOUR IMPERTINENCE, WHEN HE RETURNS!
WILL... WILL THAT BE SOON, SIR?
THE WARRIORS THREE SHOULD ARRIVE AT ANY MOMENT, CHILD. UNTIL THEY DO, I ORDER YOU TO RETURN TO YOUR HOME.
THE VIZIER DOES NOT BELIEVE US.
AND HE HAS NO MORE IDEA WHEN FATHER WILL RETURN THAN WE DO.
AND UNTIL HIS MESSENGERS CONFIRM OUR STORY, HE WILL NOT SEND FOR THE NOBLE BALDER...AND BY THEN IT WILL SURELY BE TOO LATE!
THEN WE MUST WARN BALDER!
BUT, HILDY, NOW? BALDER IS FAR OFF, DALLYING WITH KARNILLA IN HER KINGDOM!
SO...? AT LEAST WE KNOW WHERE HE IS! AND I KNOW HOW TO GET US THERE! COME!

THE AIR OF HEL CRACKLES WITH PULSING SORCERIES, AS HELA'S INTERRUPTED SWORD-SPELL IS RESUMED.

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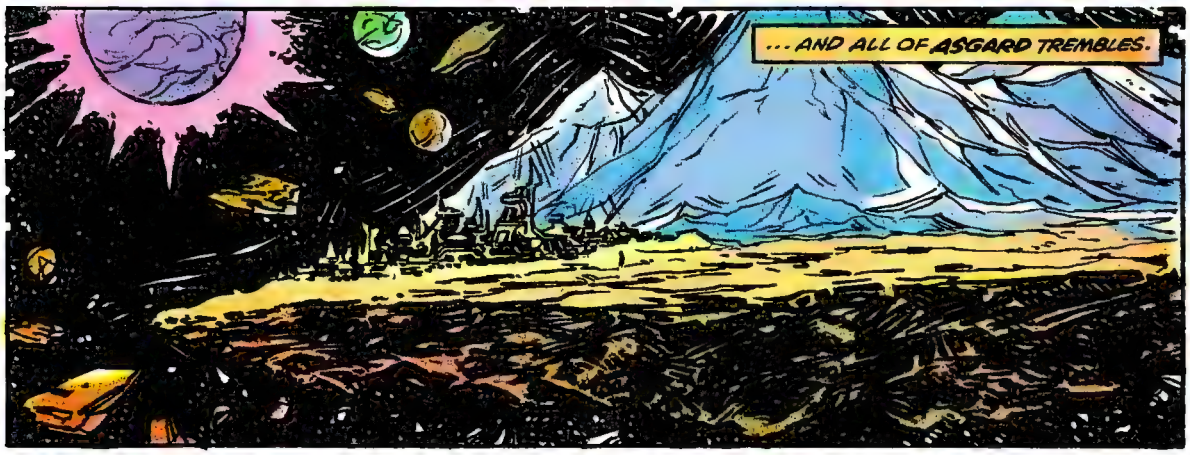
A WRETCHED FANG OF SORCERY-MOST-POISONOUS TO STRIKE AT THE ALL-FATHER'S HEART.

IN A BLINDING FLASH, IT IS OVER. THE DEATH SWORD IS COMPLETE...



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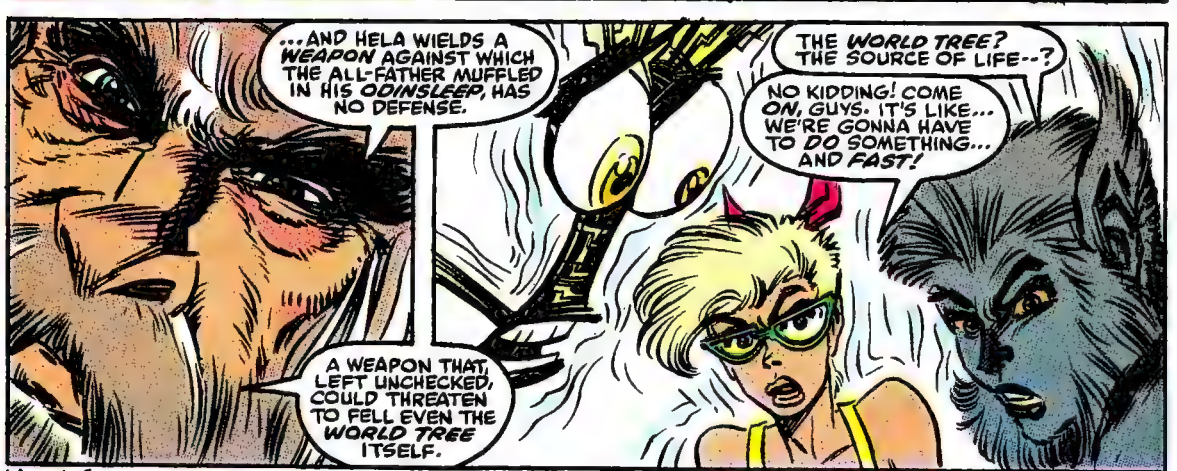

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People,

I can't believe it—but the NEW MUTANTS has become—boring! What happened to that kooky group of mutant misfits?

For starters I really don't think that the X-Terminators are mixing in well with the New Mutants. They still seem like two separate groups to me. Boom-Boom is a pain in the boom-boom. Rictor has no personality whatsoever and Rusty and Skids are as exciting as oat bran. The most interesting members of the X-Terminators—Leech, Arnie and Taki are off at school.

The "core" group isn't much better. Cannonball is too wimpy. Rahne is always crying. Illyana is gone, as is Mirage, and even Bobby has mellowed. If that's growing-up then I'll remain a juvenile who's pushing 30!

The kids also need a leader or some form of guidance. Magneto is nutty/evil again. The Prof is in love/space, and X-Factor have their own problems. How 'bout somebody else from the Marvel/Mutant Universe? Moira MacTaggert? Banshee? Scarlet Witch?

I also think that there is too much of a "gap" between the mutant groups. X-Men are down under. Excalibur are up above, and X-Factor are in between. . .never the mutant twain may meet (or something like that).

In closing—I'm hoping that these minor problems can be worked out—I have faith in ye! Oh and before I forget—LOSE THOSE COSTUMES—THEY STINK!!!

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Changes are in the wind as far as the mutants' costumes are concerned, Lon. And, while Prof. X won't be around any time soon, another gentleman may be assuming the role of the mutants' guardian before too long. Who is he? We're not going to say much except he's quite unlike either Xavier or Magneto.

Dear Louise, Bret, Al, Bob, and Daryl,

After reading issue #79, I just had to write to you. Louise, it has taken you 25 issues, but you have finally begun to characterize the New Mutants the way that they should be, with fears, frustrations, emotions that everyone has. I enjoyed this issue because I was once again able to relate to the characters. Keep this up!!! Terrific artwork, Bret and Al! Your work complements each other well. Bob, I have a few requests. Have Rusty and Skids join X-Factor. The New Mutants have two co-leaders already. They don't need another leader like Rusty in the group. Please tie up the plotlines with Amara down in the Amazon and Xian looking for her little brother and sister. Thank you.

Jaye Gardner
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Xian will be looking for her brother and sister shortly in the pages of WOLVERINE, Jaye. And, we have plans to journey down the Amazon in the not-too-distant future where we'll see more of Amara and Empath.

Hi guys! Ah hello! Is anyone there? Oh well.

I loved issue #80 of the NEW MUTANTS. In the past couple of years there hasn't been much to look forward to but I love what's being done now. The only thing that upset me was the letters page. Right off William Blevins put you down. I love what you've done with Magik. She deserves the childhood she lost. I agree with him about the costumes. Change them back. As Doug Tennant wrote. . .bring the school back. Then they will have a shelter and it will help to keep Xavier's dream alive. And yes, bring Xavier back. Chris Crowell had some neat ideas. I would like to see Karma back but really, she wouldn't fit. As for Firestar, she would heat the team up.

The concept Erick Cave brought up about Illyana cheating her problems was interesting. I'm sure in time we will have the Illyana we all love back, but some on everyone, give her a break. Give her a life. The only thing that bothers me is that the future is fastly upon us. Rachel Summers saw Illyana die when she was a teenager. Hey, that's not too far off. If our future is the one Rachel is from, we're doomed.

Andrew Williams also stated that Illyana was as good as dead. No way!! Now she'll be growing up as she should have and she'll live for a long time. (I hope).

Keep up the good work and I love the two-page letters pages. They give other readers the views and ideas of others which is a real good concept. Keep them coming.

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We never thought of Illyana as as good as dead, either, Roy. . .she's gotten a second chance at life, which is no small accomplishment.

Hello.

I've been reading NEW MUTANTS for close to three years now, and I also read all the other X-books. It has always seemed to me that, somehow, the NEW MUTANTS has always lagged just a little behind in quality, at least, compared to the other X-Books. Up until now, I've wondered why. Now I think I have a couple of reasons.

First: the team members have no feelings about anything. Here are some examples. In issue #70, Sam's girlfriend, Lila Cheney, apparently died by teleporting herself into to a sun. The next issue was Inferno, and since then, not one word has been said about Lila again. In the current storyline, Mirage has been turned into a monster, and no one is upset! Even Wolfsbane, who is the most tender hearted of the group, hasn't cried or anything. But also in issue #79, a ray of hope. Rictor's secret feelings for Boom-Boom are just the kind of thing I think this comic needs. I know each character has emotions, so why not use them? Intertwine the characters together. To be an effective team, they have to have friendly feelings for each other, and I couldn't say that they're really close friends right now. My point is: each character needs his/her own feelings about his/her teammates and the things that happen to them.

The second thing they need is a teacher. Face it—your team actually is a bunch of dropouts. They—like all of their teenage fans—need an education. I think learning and training together would help bind them into a great team. As to who the teacher could be. . .I have no ideas.

Don't get me wrong; I like your comic (or else I wouldn't read it). NEW MUTANTS has the potential to be one of the best comics ever, and I hope you'll always strive to reach that.

Marcus Masfield
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A new teacher is, as noted above, on the agenda, Marcus. And we think the Mutants are going to have to become close friends to deal with him!

Dear Louise and Bob,

I wanted to write you a letter about NEW MUTANTS #75 but I didn't have the time then. After reading the letter page in #79 I am so disappointed that none of the readers really understood what was going on with Magneto, so better late then never. Here is my letter.

I hate the New Mutants' guts. How dare they become angry about Magneto who is rightfully mad at them for trying to be new X-Men. Even Professor X wouldn't accept their playing hooky all the time. Running after Bird-Brain, not telling where they were going, that cost Douglas Ramsay his life. Don't any of the readers really understand Magneto? Despite the fact that Magneto is the most powerful mutant in the Marvel Universe (a living Unified Field Theory), he is also the most emotional, vulnerable mutant. Shocked?? Fellow Marvel zombies, let me explain! Hasn't anybody noticed. Magneto is so lonely it's almost unbelievably tragic. . .Magnus is so afraid to get hurt again (he lost a lot of people he loved: his parents, his sister, his daughter Anya and his wife Magda) that he can't let people get emotionally close to him. That's why he was so heartless against his children Wanda and Pietro when they were members of his Brotherhood of Evil Mutants. To Magnus's way of thinking they were at war against humans so Wanda and Pietro could have been killed. Magneto didn't want to feel that awful loss again so he kept them emotionally at a distance by treating them so badly that even today they hate his guts for it. Since the trial, Magneto has done his best to try to pull down the emotion-killing wall he has built around him over his many years as a super-villain.

He's sworn off his evil past and his human-hate war, he tries to do his best to repair his relationship with his son and daughter. He begins a love affair with a human woman, Lee Forrester, he becomes friends with the X-Men and Professor Xavier again and becomes the new teacher for the New Mutants and gains their respect. Truly heroic, right!

Truly tragic. Magneto lost the battle.

His children, Wanda and Pietro, still hate him. Lee Forrester dumped him (according to Magnus in NEW MUTANTS #75 page 15 "There was a human woman who fostered that hope in me.") Storm who became a good friend to him who he could talk to is dead and gone and the New Mutants hate his guts.

Poor old Magneto, he's lost and oh so lonely. The White Queen sees him as an easy prey and he can't defend himself. Emma gives him the love and respect Magnus so desperately needs and flirts shamelessly with him. Remember NEW MUTANTS #70—Emma Frost says "...and with the strength of hand I've always so much admired."

Has nobody noticed that during Inferno, Emma always stood close to Magnus, talking to him, ignoring Shaw and when she telepathically felt the elevators with the tourists falling to their deaths, she called out Magnus for help.

I don't believe Louise, that I am reading things into something that isn't there. Emma Frost, the White Queen is wrapping Magneto around her little finger and he's letting her do it. (And enjoying it, too!)

Now let's talk about Emma Frost.

1) She is terrified of Selene (Logic: Selene would like to kill her rival Queen of the Hellfire Club). Emma tried to recruit Firestar to assassinate Selene. This plan failed and Shaw ridiculed her about this. Emma hasn't forgotten.

2) Shaw is building Sentinels and Emma as a telepath is totally defenseless against these mutant-killing Robots. She must be wondering about Shaw's sanity. At least Magneto has the power to defend her against them.

(Yet another good reason to dump Shaw for Magnus.).

Whatever some readers might think, Emma's hold over Magnus isn't telepathic. Old time fans know that not even Charles Xavier can break through Magneto's natural telepathic wall. Let alone Emma Frost.

Emma's hold over Magnus is nothing more than simple feminine charm and I hope her plan backfires.

Why? Magneto might be thinking by this time that a love affair with a human woman is impossible because of the inequality between them. But a love affair with a mutant woman who is his equal. Well? Louise, you must get the picture by now. I want a hot and juicy love affair between Magnus and Emma! Those two together are fireworks!

And Boom-Boom deserves her own comic book!

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A lot of interesting ideas, Mary Anne. We feel we should point out that Magneto only recently found out that Wanda and Pietro were his children, so when he treated them badly, he was. . .just treating them badly.

But, we agree. . .everyone should keep an eye on the Master of Magnetism and Ms. Frost. Something might very well develop there. . .

Dear Bob,

First, I have to say that this Asgard story is terrific so far. I was really impressed that you brought back some of the characters from the NEW MUTANTS Special Edition, like Eitri and the wolf-prince. How about a reunion between Sunspot and the Warriors Three (especially Volstagg)?

Anyway, I also have some gripes. First of all, since Illyana seems to be the favorite character of about 80% of the readership (me included), why don't you just bring her back? She has always been the most three-dimensional character in the book, along with being one of the funniest. I also want a crossover with Excalibur, and the Kitty/Illyana bond would be a great way of doing it. Bring Magik back!!! But change her code name.

I also wanted to comment on the letter in issue #80 from Andrew Williams. I, for one, tended to agree with most of the things M. said in his letter in issue #76. He's right, the New Mutants used to spend too much time "dweling on the morbid and depressing". I can only think of one example of their having fun in the pre-Blevins days: the slumber party in issue #21, and the art even made that seem depressing.

I have to say that I love the scenes in issue #55 where Dani and Illyana were trying to decide what to wear to the party. I thought it was great seeing the New Mutants act like my friends and I act. No, Andrew, all teenagers aren't irresponsible idiots, but is a party once in a while really going to hurt you that much? I like parties, and I probably take less than 2 seconds thought before I take off to have fun. And we're really not all that unique in wanting to party and relax and have a little fun. What human beings want to drown themselves in responsiblity for the rest of their lives?

I believe the changes in the NEW MUTANTS have made the book far better than it ever has been before. Please keep Bret Blevins on as a permanent penciler, and be sure to bring back Magik. Please?

Brad Bethke
Whitewater, WI

Well, Brad, we're sorry to report that Bret will be leaving this title shortly. . .but, in a few months, Rob Liefeld will be coming aboard as penciler. And, if reaction to Rob's work on this year's NEW MUTANTS ANNUAL is any indication. . .that should please a lot of you folks out there.

Dear People:

In eighty issues I've never written, but now I feel I must put in my two cents.

1. Bring back Professor X! (Sheesh! Talk about shirking your responsibility! Why couldn't he hook up with a nice earth woman instead of a "bird" from another galaxy!?)

2. Don't these kids ever go to school? (See above request)

3. Face reality, the New Mutants are a fighting group, not just "kids being trained to use their powers" as originally portrayed. I mean, these guys go out looking for trouble!

4. Costumes, terrible. The original X-Men outfits are better looking and more appropriate. After all, they haven't graduated yet. (Boom Boom's the exception. Weird I know, but I like the suspenders and her whole look.)

5. More "normal" scenes. You know, having breakfast, doing chores, washing their hair, swimming, in classes (see 1 & 2). I don't want "The Rover Boys at School" (See "Rover Boys" book circa 1920) but it would be nice to see a break from seemingly endless battles once in a while.

6. How about some original villains they can call their own? (No "Bird Brain" types need apply.) You know, guys that are out to rob banks, burglarize houses, fleece old ladies (cool it on demons, death goddesses and mass murderers for a while) and the like.

7. A storyline for Boom-Boom. This is not to say you're not doing well (I liked the last 80 issues) but I do feel some loose ends need to be tied up (such as the techno virus which infected Doug Ramsey as shown in issue #53) and adjustments made (see previous suggestions). Well, that's it for now. Simply listen to me and everything will be fine. Trust me, Odin himself told me where to get the wisdom to advise you.

Just call me "Patch."

Russell Rubert
(Address withheld by request)

And who are we to argue with the All-Father, Russ?

And, yes, the New Mutants are a fighting group. . .but they need a commander, don't they?

Dear Mutant Magic Makers (well, it sounds better than "Dear Guys"),

I really love NEW MUTANTS, and I like the way you finished Illyana's (by the way, how do you say that?) little problem but I have a few questions about it.

1.) How old is she?

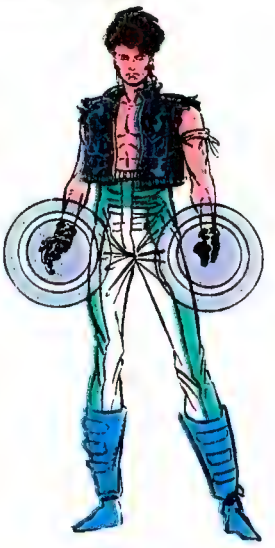
2.) What happened to her Soul Sword?

3.) Is she still a mutant?

Also, try to loosen up on Magneto, I mean the guy is only trying to protect them and you make him out to be a bad guy. I mean sure he's stubborn and he jumps the gun a little but shoot a parent/guardian? He wouldn't do that so chill out man. Also, do the New Mutants know that the X-Men are alive or do they just think it was a Shade (as they would say in Dungeons and Dragons)? Well, that's about it.

Jason Cline
(Address withheld by request)

Illyana is about six, Jason . . . and yes, she is still a mutant. The Soul Sword appeared outside Excalibur's lighthouse headquarters . . . where it still stands, embedded in a rock.



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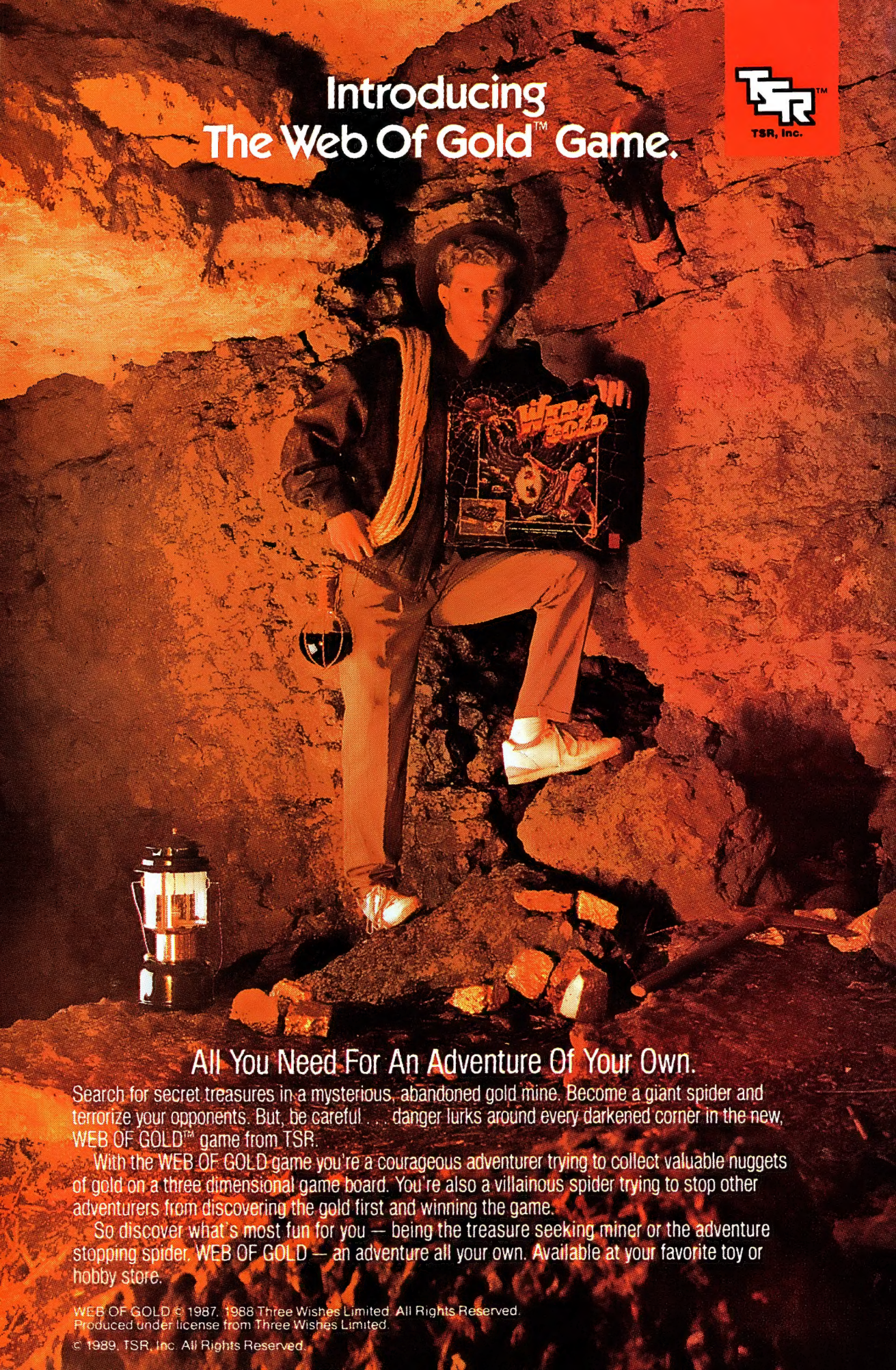
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